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## FURTHER TROUBLE. Fresh Agitation at Amoy and Swatow. NO DEFEAT FOR SUN.

### Details of the Measures to Defend Shanghai.

Further trouble is reported to-day at Amoy and Swatow, and missionaries have been ordered to evacuate Ningpo.

Details of the British measures to defend Shanghai are announced, and the name of the British General who is to be Commander there is published.

Reports that Sun Chuan-fang has suffered a severe reverse are discredited in Shanghai as being "sheer propaganda."

### MISCHIEF BREWING.

#### Trouble for Three Coast Ports.

Peking, Jan. 25.  
In view of the reverse sustained by Sun Chuan-fang, the Chekiang British authorities have ordered missionaries to evacuate the Ningpo district.

The anti-Catholic agitation continues at Amoy. Seven recently buried bodies of babies have been exhumed owing to the allegation that the Catholics mutilated them.

Also the anti-British agitation is developing at Amoy and Swatow.

All American missionaries from upcountry have temporarily come to Swatow.—Reuter.

### HANKOW QUIET.

#### Reopening of the Banks.

A wireless message from Hankow to the naval authorities last night reported that the first day of the reopening of the Banks had passed off without incident.

Two thousand troops crossed the river on Saturday, states a message from Shasi, and about 2,000 others left down the river.

### SUN CHUAN-FANG.

#### Report of Reverse "Sheer Propaganda."

Shanghai, Jan. 25.  
According to the best available information here, information on which the authorities depend in connection with the defence arrangements, there is no truth whatever in newspaper reports that Sun Chuan-fang has received a serious reverse. The Chekiang authorities consider the reports "sheer propaganda."—Reuter.

by tugs and junks. The number of troops left in Shasi is about 10,000.

An army guard (? British) has been placed on the Shanghai-Nanking railway tunnels, states a message from Chinkiang.

### SHANGHAI MEASURES.

#### "Adequate But Purely Defensive."

Rugby, Jan. 24.  
No fresh developments are reported from China to-day. It is not yet known in London whether the decision of the commercial community in the British Concession at Hankow, taken after consultation with Mr. O'Malley to resume business to-day, was actually put into operation.

Minor episodes at Hankow and elsewhere sustain doubts in some quarters as to the ability of the Chinese authorities to control the extremists.

Meanwhile the British authorities are continuing preparations to safeguard the lives and interests of their nationals in China, of whom there are about 7,000 in Shanghai.

These preparations will be adequate, but purely defensive. They are not directed against any party in China, nor are they provocative. Their extent is governed by defensive requirements.—British Wireless Service.

### INDIA'S SHARE.

#### The Troops Ordered to China.

New Delhi, Jan. 24.  
It is officially announced that the troops ordered to China from India will consist of the 2nd Cavalry, two battalions of the British Regiment, the 2nd Durkham, the 12th British, and

Battery, some medium artillery company sappers, miners and the necessary ancillary units.

The entire contingent, except the Durhams, belongs to the Jhansi Brigade.—Reuter.

### DEFENCE OF SHANGHAI.

#### Distinguished General Appointed.

London, Jan. 24.  
The War Office officially states that the Shanghai defence force will consist of the following:—

- (1) The 13th Infantry Brigade, comprising the "all 1st. battalions" of the Middlesex, Camerians, Borders and Green Howards.
  - (2) The 14th Infantry Brigade, comprising the 2nd Coldstream Guards, the 1st Bedford's 2nd Borders, and the 1st Devons.
  - (3) The 20th Indian Infantry Brigade, as cabled earlier.
- There will also be artillery, an armoured car company and ancillary services.
- The Commander will be Major-General John Duncan, who is going to Shanghai to-morrow. The troops are following as soon as transport is available.—Reuter.

### MARINES DELAYED.

#### Fog Holds Up Steamer.

London, Jan. 24.  
Owing to fog holding up in the Scheldt the steamer "Zeeland" on which they travel, the departure of the battalion of Marines from Portsmouth to China has been cancelled for to-day.

They will probably embark to-morrow.—Reuter.

### MAJOR-GENERAL DUNCAN.

#### Active Service Career.

Major-General John Duncan, C.V.O., D.S.O., R.S. Fusiliers, has been in command of the 54th East Anglian Division. Born in 1827, the son of Lieut.-Colonel J. Duncan, he entered the Army in 1851, becoming a captain in 1858 and a major in 1910. From 1897 to 1898 he served at the North Frontier of India, receiving a medal with clasp. He fought through the South African War, where he was mentioned in despatches, received a medal with five clasps and was awarded his D.S.O.

Serving in the Great War from 1914 to 1918, he acted as G.S.O. to the 11th Division in Gallipoli. He commanded the 75th Infantry Brigade from 1916 to 1917, and later the 22nd Division from 1917 to 1919, in Macedonia. From April to December of 1919, he was Major-General, General Staff, Army of the Black Sea, being mentioned in despatches six times, receiving a C.M.G. and C.B., and being appointed Major-General.

Major-General Duncan is a Grand Commander of the Order of the Crown of Roumania, Grand Commander of the Crown of Italy, Commander of the Legion of Honour, Commander of the Serbian White Eagle, holder of the French Croix de Guerre, the Italian Croce di Guerra and the Greek War Cross.

### R.A.F. MEN FOR CHINA.

#### To Accompany the Marines.

London, Jan. 24.  
The K.L., the largest submarine in the world has gone to Malta from Portsmouth to join the Mediterranean Fleet.

Thirty officers and men of the R.A.F. have arrived at Portsmouth to accompany the Marines to China.

## BROOMS & POLES.

### Free Fight on the s.s. "Sai On."

#### CANTON UNIONS JOIN IN.

Members allegedly belonging to the Canton Labour Unions joined in a free fight during the stay before last of the British steamboat "Sai On" at Canton.

On arrival here on Sunday, one of the six Indian anti-piracy guards was taken to hospital for treatment of injuries and the story was learned of what occurred at Canton.

At the height of the trouble, the captain and officers intervened and their timely action calmed matters down.

#### How the Row Started.

Apparently the Chinese seamen accused one of the Indians of inviting the Canton Customs' officers to search their quarters for contraband salt. No salt was found, it is stated. Feeling very high and the guard is supposed to have enlisted the aid of five compatriots after he had been allegedly assaulted by the seamen.

A free fight ensued, both sides freely using poles, brooms and other weapons and missiles but no firearms were drawn.

The No. 2 boatswain is reported to have had the side of his head split open and he was removed to a hospital in Canton.

Seamen's Union Interested.

Subsequently, a crowd of rowdies from the shore came to the boat to side with the Seamen's Union. There was further fighting until the captain and officers put four of the guards on the bridge, the grille to which was locked.

During the trouble there were cries of "save life" in Chinese. On the other hand, nearly all of the guards had a number of bruises to show when they got back to Hong Kong.

The trouble is believed to have blown over.

The "Sai On" is owned by the Tung On Co. and runs regularly between Hong Kong and Canton. The piracy guards are supplied by the Hong Kong Police.

## AGITATORS ACTIVE.

### Wild Stories at Amoy.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]  
Amoy, Jan. 21.

Distorted reports of events at Foochow have reached Amoy. Most of this news is brought in by radical members of the Kuomintang, and is twisted purposely to incite the populace against Christianity.

Wild stories are being circulated about Foochow of how they murdered the little orphans in their charge and made medicine out of their brains. Unfortunately some of this stuff is believed by the ignorant masses, so the tide of anti-Christian feeling is rising. The situation cannot be said to be encouraging.

Until recently the Amoy people have been slow to listen to wild propaganda, and it is hoped the conservative attitude on part of the majority of the people will be maintained.

#### Precautionary Measure.

Most of the British missionaries from the interior have come to Amoy as a precautionary measure. The news they bring is not good, though it is hopeful that the south of Fukien province will be spared the turmoil through which North Fukien has been passing during the last week or so, especially as it relates to missionary work.

A large Japanese destroyer has arrived in the port this morning. Protection is thus assured. The local (Chinese) Naval authorities have maintained excellent order so far, and it is generally believed that they will continue to do so.

## LOOTERS EXHIBITED.

Nation's Report from Yangtze.

Hankow, Jan. 22.  
Arrived received here to-day from Chinkiang, the disturbances in the Yangtze.

## GUNS AND EGGS.

### Police Arrest Twenty-One Chinese.

#### RIVER STEAMER SURPRISE.

Twenty-one Chinese, arrested by the Police on board the s.s. "Ko Chow" on Thursday evening last, were charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning with illegal possession of eleven revolvers and a quantity of ammunition.

Chief Det. Insp. T. Murphy prosecuted on behalf of the Police.

In reply to the Magistrate Insp. Murphy stated that the men were arrested on board the vessel as a result of the suspicions of the ship's compradors.

Continuing, Insp. Murphy said that all the defendants were newcomers to the Colony and were not known. He, Insp. Murphy, had been instructed to ask for a week's remand in custody in order that further inquiries might be made and for an identification parade to be held upon the return of the ship on Friday next. The charge against a number of the prisoners would be difficult to sustain, but it all depended upon the identification of the compradors as they were taken to his office in twos and threes, buying tickets at \$2.50 each. As they were not the type of men who usually paid so much for their passage the compradors became suspicious and the wharf searchers were sent for.

Mr. Lindell: I understand that the revolvers were found concealed in a basket of eggs?

Insp. Murphy: Yes. But we have been compelled to destroy the eggs. (laughter).

A week's remand in custody was ordered.

## ARTIST'S VISIT.

### EXHIBITION OF PICTURES ON THURSDAY.

Lovers of genuine art are promised a rare treat in the exhibition of water-colours, the work of Miss H. M. Gordon, which is to be opened by Lady Clementi at Lane, Crawford's on Thursday morning at 11 a.m.

Miss Gordon, who specialises in Eastern and other scenes in which full expression can be given to an artist's aptitude for broad washes of colour, has recently made an extensive tour of Northern India, where full advantage was taken of the variety of topics that cannot fail to appeal to the eye of the real artist. Some of her sketches of Kashmir and Simla are particularly pleasing, whilst a cameo of life in the Holy City, and another of a scene in Constantinople, just before the Allies ordered the women folk to leave, have an added interest on account of the personal difficulties encountered by the artist whilst pursuing her art.

One particularly admires Miss Gordon's subtle arrangement of low-toned greens, a feature which figures prominently in many of the exhibits, whilst, sincerity, rather than an unusual sensitiveness, is noticeable in most of the work on view. A real artist, indeed, one dexterous in the handling of colour, and well able to make the best use of the tinted grounds on which most of her paintings are carried out.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

THU. noon to-morrow, the official weather forecast for all local districts is as follows:—N.E. winds, fresh; cloudy.

At 11.10 a.m. to-day, the Observatory reported as follows:—Pressure has increased considerably over N.E. China, moderately from S. Manchuria to N.E. Japan and over the Yangtze Valley and slightly from Indo-China to Formosa.

Meteorological observations at 6 a.m. to-day: barometer 30.17; temperature 55; wind N.W. force 3; weather blue skies.

## TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand today was 2 1/16.

## "SUNNING" PIRACY.

### Is There a Case For Jury?

#### JUDGE AND NO. 20.

After legal argument lasting all the morning, the "Sunning" piracy case was adjourned until this afternoon when final legal points will be dealt with and the jury asked to return to-morrow morning.

Mr. Justice Wood expressed doubt as to whether, in the case of No. 20, he could be held to have participated with a common purpose in the piracy with violence (the firing at the Chief Officer) when he was unconscious at the time, having been knocked on the head with a sounding lead.

For the Crown it was contended that the mere fact that he had gone with other pirates armed with lethal weapons was sufficient to justify the charge. The intention had been there in the first place.

Some amusement was caused by discussions on fine points of psycho-analysis—as to whether a man committing a felony and rendered unconscious merely allowed such intent to go into the sub-conscious whence it returned with return to consciousness.

The jury were absent from the Criminal Sessions proceedings this morning, legal argument being heard as to whether there was sufficient evidence for certain of the prisoners being tried by the jury.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., submitted on behalf of all prisoners, and particularly of Nos. 7, 9, 14 and 8, that there was no case to place before the jury. In regard to the last four counsel submitted that there was no evidence whatever of their having committed a wrongful act to justify their going to the jury for a life or death verdict.

"Impossible to Believe."

The only evidence against No. 8 was evidence which it was impossible to believe, said counsel. He would never have been in Court at

## HOUSES SHAKEN.

### North-East Scotland Feels Earthquake.

#### Rugby, Jan. 24.

Earthquake shocks were experienced at five o'clock this morning over a wide area in North-East Scotland, including Aberdeen, Elgin, Ballater, and the Orkney and Shetland Islands.

The tremors lasted from twenty seconds to a minute and a half. Houses in all the affected areas of stone, brick, and some alarm was caused.

No damage however is reported, beyond the smashing of crockery which was thrown to the floor.—British Wireless Service.

all but for the fact that he was one of those who escaped from the burning ship in the No. 8 lifeboat. The presence of men in that boat was not evidence against them of piracy. Two of the witnesses for the Crown were in that boat. Two other witnesses for the Crown were invited to get into the boat to make good their escape from the burning vessel.

"Captain Pringle," said counsel, "who was very prolix with his identifications, picking out chair coolies and anything on the ship at all—almost everybody charged at the police court—had an opportunity of picking out No. 8 but he did not do so."

His Lordship. But Captain Pringle mentioned No. 8.

Counsel commented that he had only mentioned him when mixing him up with No. 17 a mistake he committed constantly. He had stated that he saw No. 8 in the No. 1 cabin in the first class quarters—a place which did not belong to him at all. He had said that the man he thought was No. 8 had been lying down and that he could not see him properly. It was either No. 8 or No. 17. No one else put No. 8 in the first class at all.

"Look See!"

Yet other evidence, said counsel, might well have been for the defence and not for the prosecution. It was that of the Chinese consul who said that he had seen No. 8 lying down in his proper cabin reading a book. The cabin boy, Au Mai, also had stated that he saw No. 8 in No. 18 cabin. His proper cabin, with two other men not belonging there and who were stated to be pirates examining the ship's manifest. Was it not a familiar trait of the Chinese, asked counsel, that when someone had a book or even a sheet of paper that others in the neighbourhood should want to have a "look at" too. The other two men had been stated to

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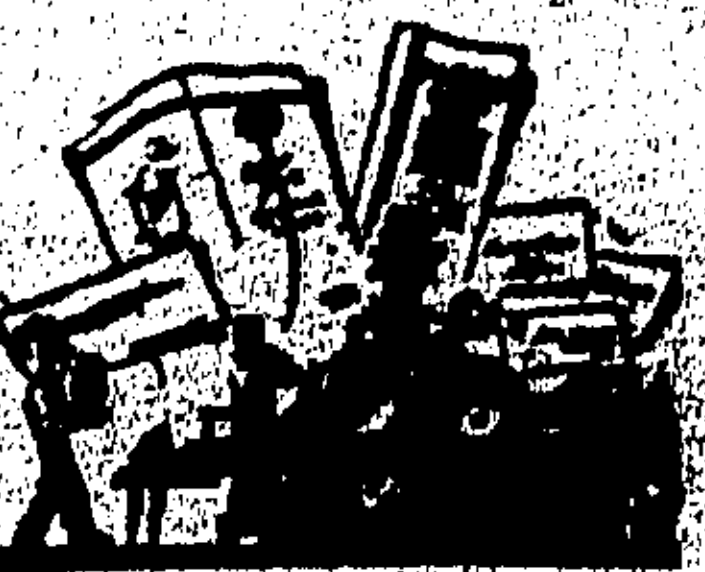
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Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON &  
CO., LTD. on THURSDAY, 27th  
January, 1927, at noon for the  
purpose of receiving the Report of  
the Directors together with a  
Statement of Accounts for the  
year ending 31st December, 1926.  
The REGISTER of SHARES of  
the Company will be CLOSED from  
FRIDAY, 14th January to  
THURSDAY, 27th January, both  
days inclusive, during which  
period no transfer of shares can  
be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.  
L. S. GREENHILL,  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 6th January, 1927.

**UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.****NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

THE TWENTY-SECOND AN-  
NUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held  
in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell &  
Company, Limited, on MONDAY,  
the 31st January, 1927, at 11 a.m.  
for the purpose of receiving the  
report of the General Managers  
together with a Statement of Ac-  
counts to 31st December, 1926.  
The Transfer Books of the Com-  
pany will be CLOSED from the  
24th to 31st January, 1927, both  
dates inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.  
General Managers.  
Hong Kong, 18th January, 1927.

**HONG KONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.**

THE ANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETING of the Members of  
the above Society will be held on  
TUESDAY, 8th February, 1927, at  
5.15 p.m. in the Board Room of  
Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.,  
Limited.  
All Ladies & Gentlemen interest-  
ed in Horticulture, whether Mem-  
bers of the Society or not, are  
cordially invited to attend.

AGENDA:  
To receive and pass the Com-  
mittee's Report & Statement of  
Accounts for the year ended 31st  
December, 1926.  
To elect Officers & a new Com-  
mittee for the current year.  
To fix the date of the Annual  
Flower Show, which the Out-  
going Committee recommend  
should be held on Thursday,  
10th March, 1927.  
To discuss any matter of interest  
to Horticulturists in Hong Kong  
and outlying districts.

E. B. C. HORNELL,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 21st January, 1927.

**HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.**

ADDITION TO PROGRAMME FOR  
ANNUAL MEETING.

First Day—Tenth Race.  
The Racing Stakes.

**WINNER \$600.—Second \$200.—**  
Third \$100.—for Griffins of  
this Meeting and Ponies that have  
never won a Race. Subscription  
Griffins of this Meeting allowed 3  
lbs. Weight for inches as per  
scale. Winners barred. Jockey  
Allowance. Entrance \$10.—One  
Mile. Entries for this race should  
be attached to the Entry Forms  
already issued.

By Order,  
C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 19th January, 1927.

WE, the undersigned, beg to announce  
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Hong Kong, Jan. 20th, 1927.

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**HUSBAND'S ORDEAL.****THE DEATH OF ROSALINE COURTNEIDGE.**

Miss Rosaline Courtneidge, Mr.  
Peter Haddon's 23-year-old wife,  
who had been pluckily fighting for  
her life since the birth of her  
daughter on November 8, has died.

During the weeks of her illness  
three of London's most popu-  
lar comedians—Miss Cicely Court-  
comedians—Miss Cicely Court-  
neidge (in sister) and her husband  
Mr. Jack Hulbert) and Mr. Peter  
Haddon—have appeared smiling on  
the stage while under the burden of  
anxiety.

Every available minute away from  
the footlights, Mr. Haddon spent  
at the side of his wife.

It is less than a couple of years  
since Mr. Haddon and his wife were  
married at All Souls' Church, Lang-  
hamplace, between rehearsal and a  
performance of "Charles's Revue,"  
in which Mr. Haddon was appear-  
ing. His wife at the time was  
playing the lead in "The Sport of  
Kings."

Like Mr. Jack Hulbert, Mr.  
Haddon was at Cambridge Univer-  
sity. He is the son of the Rev. A.  
Tildesley, and has been playing on  
the London stage since 1920.

His baby daughter is strong and  
healthy.

**WORLD THEATRE.****"THIEF OF BAGDAD" TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.**

Fairbanks's best and greatest film  
shows for the last time here  
to-day and to-morrow. This  
lively fairy tale of dramatic splen-  
dour and entertaining magic is  
staged in Bagdad where a thief  
flouts the teaching of the Holy Man.  
Securing a magic rope he enters  
the caliph's palace and, seeing the  
Princess, he forgets his name to  
steal. Princess from far and near  
come as suitors for her hand and  
the thief in stolen raiment audaci-  
ously poses as a prince to win her  
love. Confessing the truth, he  
goes in deep humility to the Holy  
Man, who sends him on a quest for  
a magic chest. After overcoming  
almost impossible obstacles and ex-  
periencing terrifying dangers, he  
gets the chest. Returning, he  
learns that a Mongol Prince has  
seized the city, so by aid of the  
chest he creates a great army out of  
nothingness and recaptures it. He  
wins the Princess and with the aid  
of the cloak of invisibility gets  
away from the court, and then on  
the magic carpet they sail away to  
happiness.

**AT THE STAR.****"THE STRANGERS BANQUET" TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.**

A thrilling drama of the ship-  
yards dealing with present-day con-  
ditions, this picture of Donn  
Byrne's well-known book might have  
been written amidst the towering  
drydocks and thundering riveters of  
the plant owned by the Los Angeles  
Shipbuilding and Drydock Company.  
The girl who earns admiration  
and applause is the daughter of the  
Koeghs, gentle, beautiful, superb,  
who holds the vast shipyards left by  
her father—who fights the crooks,  
the gangsters, the adventurers who  
seek to crumble her empire of  
wealth.

This shipbuilding plant appears  
on the screen in "The Strangers  
Banquet" in a manner never before  
pictured, as do a number of the  
men who figured prominently in  
Government work during the war.  
Among the famous players who  
appear amidst this atmosphere in  
the screen drama are Hobart Bos-  
worth, Claire Windsor, Rockliffe  
Fellowes, Thomas Holding, Nigel  
Barrie, Claude Gillingwater and a  
dozen other noted artists of the  
screen. Thousands of regular ship-  
yard workers helped to emphasize  
the spectacular effects created by  
Mr. Neilan for this picture.

**HONGKONG HOTEL VISITORS.**

January 23, 1927.

Mr. C. P. Anderson, Mrs. Sylvia  
de Aquino, Messrs. F. Bunnell, C. A.  
Calkins, Ward Clement, H. R. Cross,  
R. de Cosme, Mr. and Mrs. W. W.  
Campbell, Messrs. R. L. Duvand,  
J. M. Daigarno, Mr. and Mrs. P.  
Drummond, Messrs. W. A. Dowley,  
G. H. Evans, V. E. Frances, K.  
Gabalton, Mrs. F. D. Goddard,  
Messrs. A. F. Henry, S. J. Hicks,  
W. Kogen, F. H. Hill, Capt. I. P.  
Hall, Messrs. B. A. B. Jones, H. A.  
Keller, W. Lythgoe, F. H. Lowe,  
Oliver Lee, S. E. Lyster, Miss H.  
Lille, Mrs. J. Massenburg, Mr. and  
Mrs. McTuen, Mr. and Mrs. Mac-  
Leod, Messrs. D. MacLeod, L. E.  
Nantz, F. J. O'Brien, H. D. Orr,  
F. S. Odam, Miss M. E. Pipkins,  
Messrs. G. and S. Peabody, Mr. and  
Mrs. W. G. Pearce, Messrs. H.  
Pearman, R. R. Roxburgh, H. E.  
Rea, Mr. H. T. Roberts, Messrs.  
Henry Scheele, E. Stummacher, Mrs.  
L. Sowis, Mr. R. E. Thibaud, Mr.  
and Mrs. de Villuro, Miss Villuro,  
Messrs. E. Willet, G. Wragge.

**CHAMBERLAIN'S PAIN BALM.**

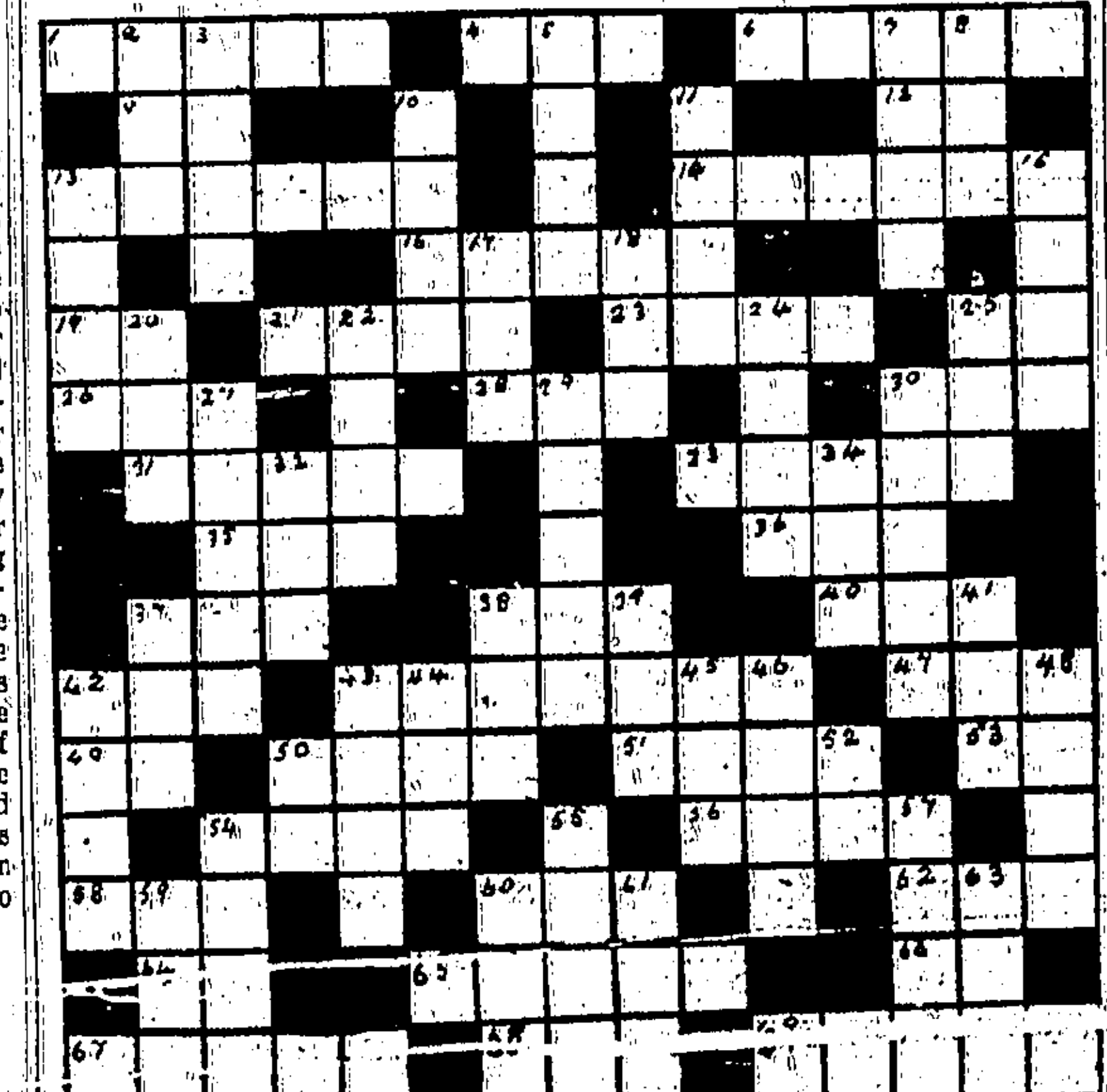
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No. 2 \$50 MUST BE WON EVERY WEEK.

**FIRST READ THESE RULES CAREFULLY THROUGH.**

1. The PRIZES in this competition will be AWARDED STRICTLY  
on MERIT.
2. Each solution sent in must be made on the coupon cut from the  
"China Mail." Any number of solutions may be sent in.
3. An entry fee of fifty cents must accompany each coupon.
4. No entry will be considered under any circumstances whatso-  
ever, unless entry money for each solution is enclosed.
5. Entries must reach the office of the "China Mail" not later than  
the time and date for closing announced on the coupon.
6. No responsibility is accepted for loss or delay in the post. All  
letters should be registered and/or sealed.
7. The prize of \$50 must be won and will be awarded for an all  
correct or nearest correct solution. In the event of ties the \$50  
will be divided. No competitor may win more than one share  
of the prize in each competition.
8. The coupon must not be defaced in any way. All attempts  
must be in plain block letters and legible.
9. The Editor's decision will be final and binding in all matters of  
dispute.
10. Solutions will be published with the results, in this paper, one  
week after the closing date.
11. Coupons will be kept for four days after the results of the com-  
petition have been published.
12. All letters must be addressed, "China Mail" Cross-words,  
c/o "China Mail" Offices, No. 5, Wyndham Street, Hong Kong.
13. No member of the staff of the "China Mail" will be allowed to  
compete.
14. Solutions are held under sealed cover and in no way will be  
opened until the close of the competition.



- | Clues Across.                      | Clues Down.  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Used for ablutions.             | 2. Part of verb "to be."                           |
| 3. Part of a circle.               | 3. Strong taste.                                   |
| 4. Pertains to music.              | 5. To talk with fury.                              |
| 6. Name of a God.                  | 7. To be in want.                                  |
| 8. Denotes oral indecision.        | 8. To sin.   |
| 9. To be born again.               | 10. A plant.                                       |
| 10. Tenders to supply commodities. | 11. Throw.   |
| 11. Smokes.                        | 12. A genus of plant.                              |
| 12. Direction.                     | 15. To look carefully.                             |
| 13. Keep sounding.                 | 17. I.   |
| 14. An island.                     | 18. An outfit.                                     |
| 15. Fall (Scotch).                 | 20. Not on.  |
| 16. Behind.                        | 22. The 13th & 15th day of certain<br>months.      |
| 17. A month (abbrev.)              | 24. A weight.                                      |
| 18. Hardening of eye membranes.    | 25. A tree.  |
| 19. Relates to destiny.            | 27. Tame.  |
| 20. A parent.                      | 29. A system ensuring punctuality<br>in factories. |
| 21. Past tense of "be."            | 30. Prohibitive laws.                              |
| 22. A pit of evil.                 | 32. To make by hand.                               |
| 23. A contact.                     | 34. To spread grass.                               |
| 24. A law of a governing body.     | 37. A labourer's carrier.                          |
| 25. Antagonist.                    | 38. "Crack" airman.                                |
| 26. Containers.                    | 39. A number.                                      |
| 27. An ear.                        | 41. Besides.                                       |
| 28. For God.                       | 42. To frustrate an adversary.                     |
| 29. Without.                       | 43. To fail to rally in ill-health.                |
| 30. Applied to tides.              | 44. A unit.  |
| 31. Direction.                     | 45. A beverage.                                    |
| 32. Part of a window.              | 46. A garment.                                     |
| 33. A song.                        | 48. Delightful to beholden.                        |
| 34. A pastry mixture.              | 50. Sa (actual).                                   |
| 35. Turf.                          | 52. To mix type.                                   |
| 36. Argentine Republic (init.)     | 54. A famous old.                                  |
| 37. Turns.                         | 55. Noise of a bell.                               |
| 38. Thanks.                        | 57. A painter's name.                              |
| 39. Passes over.                   | 59. Tibetan ox.                                    |
| 40. Length of life.                | 60. Of the bean family.                            |
| 41. Gives up house.                | 61. Eden without the "Ed."                         |
|                                    | 63. Well-known grassy plant.                       |

Competitors are reminded that the prize is to be awarded  
for the correct solution, or if nobody succeeds in getting the correct  
solution, for the NEAREST correct solution. Therefore, even if  
you have not done the cross-word puzzle in full, send in what you  
have done—it may prove to be the nearest correct solution.

**CLOSING DATE FOR COUPONS, MONDAY, JAN. 31.**  
[Coupons received at the "China Mail" Office after mid-day  
on Monday will not be included in the competition.]

To "China Mail" Cross-Words,  
c/o "China Mail" Offices,  
No. 5, Wyndham Street, Hong Kong.

DEAR SIRS,

I agree to abide by your rules, and I enclose.....

for ..... solution (s) which are attached.

Name .....

Address .....

[Please Write in Block Letters.]

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KIDDERPORE	5,334	12th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
DELTA	5,007	16th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KALYAN	9,344	19th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
MANGALA	9,852	22nd March	Marseilles & London
NAGPORE	10,902	5th March	Marseilles & London
MAHARAJA	9,085	12th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
NAGPORE	5,283	14th March	Marseilles & London
NYANZA	7,023	18th March	Marseilles & London
MONGOLIA	16,504	19th March	Marseilles & London
MACEDONIA	11,120	2nd April	Marseilles & London
KHYBER	9,114	15th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
DEVANHA	8,155	16th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
DELTA	5,007	27th April	Marseilles and London
MALWA	10,941	30th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KHYBER	9,114	14th May	Marseilles & London
MOREA	10,918	28th May	Marseilles & London
MAHARAJA	9,085	29th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KALYAN	9,344	9th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MACEDONIA	11,120	23rd July	Marseilles & London

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SIRALA	7,841	1st March	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

## EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

ARAFURA	6,000	28th Jan.	Manila, Sandakan, Hoilo, Thursday
TANDA	6,956	4th March	Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney
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SIRALA	7,841	7th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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MACEDONIA	11,120	4th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KHYBER	9,114	5th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	8th March	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
DEVANHA	8,155	18th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
LAHORE	5,252	27th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MALWA	10,941	31st April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DELTA	5,007	1st April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	5th April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
NELORE	6,853	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KHYBER	9,114	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	29th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MOREA	10,918	29th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe

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## CONRAD'S ENGLISH.

PAINFUL WRESTLING WITH  
GRAMMAR.

PRONUNCIATION DEFECTIVE.

"I've never opened an English  
grammar in my life. My pro-  
nunciation is rather defective to  
this day. Having unluckily no  
clear accentuation is uncertain,  
especially when in the course of a  
conversation I become self-con-  
scious. In writing, I wrestle pain-  
fully with that language which I  
feel I do not possess, but which  
possesses me, alas!"

It is indeed difficult to believe  
that the above sentence was writ-  
ten by one of the greatest masters  
of the English language and  
literature who has ever lived—  
Joseph Conrad. It appears in a  
letter written by the novelist to a  
friend, Joseph de Smet, as recently  
as 1911, nearly 12 years after  
"Lord Jim" one of his finest works  
had astonished the literary world.

The letter is the first of a series  
from Conrad's private correspon-  
dence to John Galsworthy, H. G.  
Wells, and Arnold Bennett appear-  
ing in "The World To-day" for  
December.

In this letter, which fitsly begins  
the series, Conrad discloses that he  
was nineteen before he learned any  
English, that his first English read-  
ing was the "Standard" newspaper,  
and that he first heard the language  
spoken by fishermen, shipwrights,  
and sailors of the East Coast of  
England.

"Lord Jim."

How great a struggle Conrad  
went through in the writing of  
"Lord Jim" is told in several letters  
to John Galsworthy to whose en-  
couragement and kindness there are  
many affectionate references.

Thus he writes to Galsworthy (from  
Paris) in September, 1909:

"You have no idea how you in-  
terest in me keeps me up. I am  
unutterably weary of thinking,  
writing, of seeing, of feeling,  
of living."

"Jim will be finished end of this  
month. I plod on without much  
faith."

The great novel was not actually  
finished until July the following  
year.

Allusions to the difficulty and  
labour he experienced in writing  
crop up again and again. In a fur-  
ther letter to Galsworthy, dated  
Paris, Nov. 7, 1909, he says:

"I've been in such a state of  
wretchedness and worry that  
I could not find three words that  
would hang together."

Here is his account of the finish-  
ing of "Lord Jim" in a letter to  
Galsworthy, written in July, 1900.

21 Hours Work.

"The end of L. J. has been pulled  
off with steady drag of 21 hours.  
I sent wife and child out of the  
house (to London) and sat down at  
nine a.m. with the desperate re-  
solution to be done with it. Now and  
then I took a walk around the  
house, out at one door, in at the  
other. Ten minute meals. A great  
hush. Cigarette ends growing into  
a mound similar to a cairn over a  
dead hero. Moon rose over the  
barn, looked in at six. Dawn  
broke, brightened. I put the lamp  
out and went on with the morning  
breeze blowing the sheets of M.S.  
all over the room. Sun rose. I  
wrote the last word and went into  
the window. Six o'clock. I shared  
a piece of cold chicken with Es-  
cargot (the dog), who was very  
mischievous and in want of sympathy,  
having missed the child dreadfully  
all day."

Like Carlyle, Conrad had the  
arrogance of having one of his practi-  
cally finished manuscripts destruyed  
by fire, an incident mentioned  
in letters to Bennett and Gals-  
worthy, dated June and November,  
1902, respectively.

"Dearest Jack," he writes.

"Imagine that, with the 'End  
of Tether' lying on the table ready  
(or all but), the lamp exploded, and  
the whole thing is consumed!"

In a letter to H. G. Wells, Conrad  
states that for him "writing—is just  
simply the conversion of nervous  
force into phrases." He goes on:

"With you, too, I am sure, tho' in  
your case it is the disciplined in-  
telligence which gives the signal—  
the impulse. For me it is a matter  
of chance, stupid chance. But the  
fact remains that when the nervous  
force is exhausted, the phrases  
don't come—and no tension of will  
can help."

One of Shanghai's younger  
tailors, thoroughly fed-up with  
the lack of business and for the  
time being at a loss as to  
what to do to occupy his time,  
called in his stenographer and  
dictated a letter to himself,  
drawing attention to his appar-  
ent lack of business ability and  
his unwarranted depression  
owing to temporary setbacks,  
which seemingly had led him too  
frequently to resort to various  
places of amusement. Accord-  
ingly, it was expected that forth-  
with he would send in his resigna-  
tion and the firm trusted this  
would lead to a much-needed re-  
formation on his part. The story  
runs that the young lady had  
most carefully typed three parts  
of the letter before she timidly  
ventured to ask if "it was really  
required."

## SEEKING FIGHT.

HOME BOYS' RED HAND  
GANG.

DEATH FROM KNIFE WOUNDS.

A boy's Red Hand Gang was men-  
tioned at the inquest, at Rother-  
hithe, S.E., on Albert John Hannah,  
the 13-year-old son of a dock  
labourer, of 74, Fawcett-road,  
Deptford, S.E., who died from knife  
wounds alleged to have been in-  
flicted by another boy.

A boy named Arthur Edward  
Shillibeer, 15, of Hawkston-road,  
Rotherhithe, who has been charged  
in connection with Hannah's death,  
was present in custody.

Mrs. Hannah, the mother, was  
asked by the coroner (Major White-  
house): Had your boy said any-  
thing about the Red Hand Gang,  
and did he wear a red band on the  
arm?—No, never.

George Radcliff, of Cornbury-road,  
Deptford, said he had seen Hannah  
consistently, and that he and the  
chief of the gang were Sullivan. Their  
principal meeting-place was at  
Surrey Docks Station, but they also  
met in a sweet shop.

On the Thursday he (Radcliff),  
Hannah, and others went  
for a walk round, and  
Hannah said he saw Arthur  
Shillibeer. The boy was seen  
being rescued by Shillibeer and  
Hannah fought and killed in the  
road, and Shillibeer "shot" at  
him, but a knife here. "I gave  
you gang," as he pushed Hannah  
the middle of the road. The  
gang rushed towards the combatants  
and Hannah staggered up shouting,  
"Shillibeer, you have stabbed me."  
The coroner: Did you see Shilli-  
beer with the knife in his hand?  
No, I didn't see the knife, and did  
not see him strike with a knife or  
weapon of any kind.

"Objects Are Silly."

Daniel Sullivan, 14½, of St.  
Helena-road, Rotherhithe, a chem-  
ist's messenger, stated that he was  
the chief of the gang, but he did not  
wear a red band. Some of the mem-  
bers wore the bands, but he did not  
know of that until recently. He  
was not present at the fight.

The coroner: Is this a gang for  
improving the mind or is it for  
breaking the law?—We used to play  
at "releasing the box," and that is  
what it was started for. We used  
to chase each other and so, for  
walks.

Was it usual to meet at Hard-  
wick's?—Not to my idea, but I used  
to go there every night to use a kind  
of gambling machine with pictures  
of cherries and pears on it.

Hardwick very friendly with  
you?—Yes, I used to spend a penny  
or two-pence nearly every night.  
We did not use his back room.

Would you like to tell the jury the  
objects of this gang?—No.

The objects are silly?—Yes.

William Morris, 13, of Dartmouth-  
road, stated that Shillibeer, when  
challenged to fight, was wearing  
gloves and playing with a "silver-  
encased" knife, but he could not  
say if it was open.

The inquiry was adjourned.

## GOLD BY AIR.

PROPOSED AIR SERVICE TO  
NEW GUINEA.

Proposals for an air service  
from Salamoa, on the coast of  
New Guinea to the goldfields  
were placed before the Acting  
Minister for Defence (Mr. Marr)  
Sydney, New South Wales.

Mr. Raymond Parer partner  
with M'Intosh in the famous  
flight from England to Australia,  
is one of the promoters.

It takes seven days to transport  
goods from the coast to the gold-  
fields by native carriers, and the  
air service would cover the dis-  
tance of 20 minutes or half an  
hour.

The promoters could not find  
an aeroplane for sale, and sug-  
gested to Mr. Marr that one of  
the gift planes from Britain  
might be available, which they  
offered to purchase, rent, or hire.

They also offered to hold the  
service at the disposal of the Ad-  
ministrators for defence or urgent  
business.

Mr. Marr promised to help the  
promoters, if possible.

## THE SHY V. C.

MICHAEL O'LEARY'S HOME  
COMING.

Michael O'Leary, the famous V.C.,  
prefers England to any of the other  
countries he has visited, he said,  
when he disembarked at Plymouth  
from the Ascania in London.

"I am going to live in Colchester,"  
he said. "I want to settle down  
to a peaceful life. After all, you  
know, I feel I have an interest in  
the old Union Jack and I've refused  
some big jobs in the States."

The Ascania's concert organisers  
included in one programme: "My  
War Reminiscences. By Michael  
O'Leary, V.C." But O'Leary is far  
too modest and shy to accept an  
invitation of that sort.

When pressed he reluctantly con-  
sented to speak on his work among  
the bootleggers, while a licence  
inspector on the boundary between  
Canada and America at Niagara,  
but in the time arrived the  
V.C.'s courage evaporated, and so  
the address was never given.

## TOO BONY.

A FRENCH DOCTOR ON  
NAPOLEON.

"A REJECT TO-DAY."

Napoleon was physically of "C3"  
standard, and would have been re-  
jected if he had attempted to fight  
in the Great War, according to Dr.  
Theoris, of the French Morphologi-  
cal Society.

"At the age of 17, when Napoleon  
became an officer," says Dr.  
Theoris, "I would have been com-  
pelled to reject him because he was  
too thin, and at the age of 30 be-  
cause he was too fat. At any  
other age, also, he should have been  
rejected on the ground of low  
heat-measurement. He had a  
body without lungs, stomach, or  
muscle."

## NEW R.A.F. PROJECT.

FLYING BOATS IN THE  
FAR EAST.

The following statement was  
made at the Air Ministry with re-  
ference to a report that early next  
summer a fleet of heavy flying-boats  
of the "Supermarine Southampton"  
type will set out on a flight from  
Singapore and Australia.

"There is a project under con-  
sideration to carry out certain  
flights with flying boats, probably  
"Southampton," in the Far East. The  
object is to gain further experience  
in the use of this type of aircraft.  
The flights will be purely of a ser-  
vice character, and nothing of an  
abnormal nature will be attempted.  
It is not proposed in any case to  
commence the cruises before the  
early part of 1928. The project is  
being considered at present in its  
broad outlines only, and no de-  
tails of the programme, time-table, or de-  
tails of the cruises have yet been  
settled."

Professor Radcliffe-Brown, of the  
anthropological department of the  
University of Sydney, says that the  
reported discovery of a hitherto un-  
known race of pygmies is possibly  
quite correct. In the reports of  
Sir Hubert Murray, Governor of  
Papua, frequent references have  
been made to the peculiarities of  
the pygmy races in parts of New  
Guinea.

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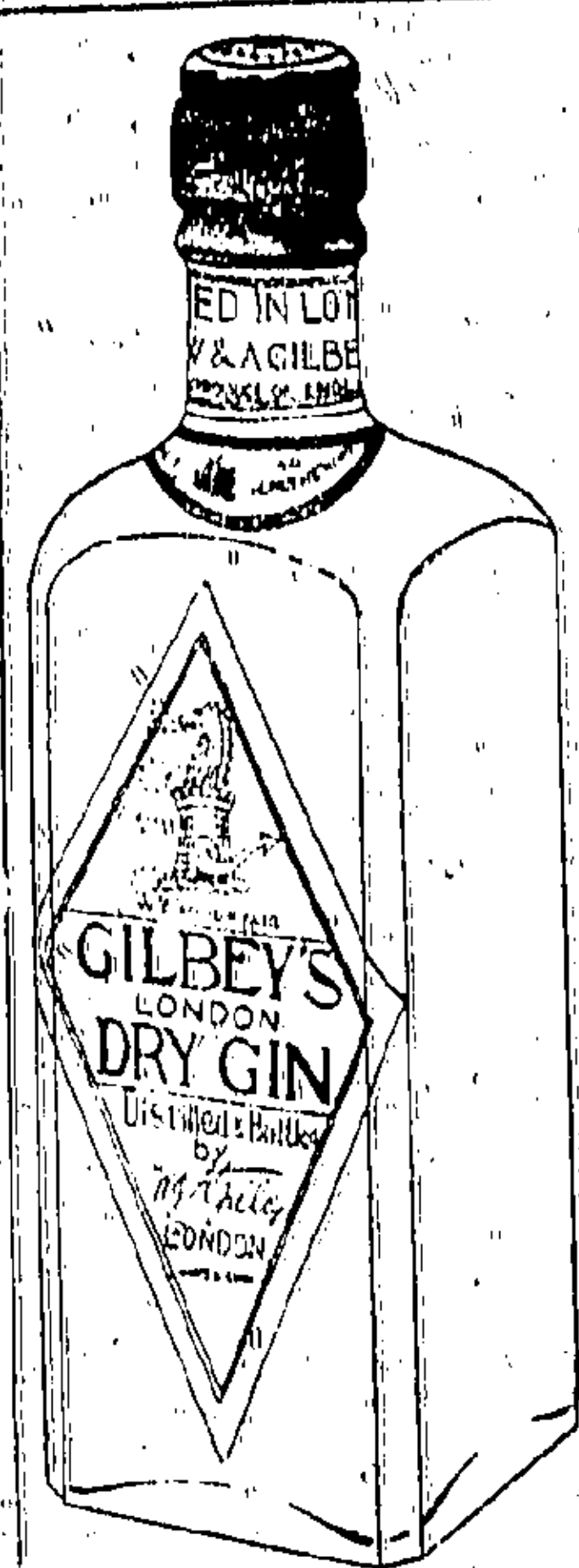
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### POWERS UNITED.

Whatever may have been the obstacles to unity among the Powers in the past in relation to Chinese affairs, it is welcome news to learn that four of them have agreed on common measures for the defence of Shanghai. Great Britain, America, France, and Japan have arranged to maintain a garrison of 4,000 men, to which force each country will contribute a certain quota. The moral effect of such a concerted measure should be very great indeed. There can be no question, as in the past, of any of the Chinese factions endeavouring to play off one of the Powers against the others. That, of course, is as it should be. It would have been nothing short of a calamity to leave one Power to take isolated action in an international crisis in which the interests of all the Treaty Powers are identical. The task of defending these interests in Shanghai is to be shared if the need arises. The Chinese cannot now discriminate between any of the Powers. Moreover, they must now realise that, if they honestly desire the peace to be kept and if they genuinely aim at negotiation as the sole basis of their relations with the Powers, mob law has to be absolutely eliminated. Any repetition of the Hankow incident at Shanghai, even on a minor scale, will spell disaster not to the Powers concerned but to the Chinese themselves. Threats will not be met by threats, but by armed forces assembled in Shanghai in sufficient numbers to curb the excesses of the howling mobs and hairbrained agitators. The Chinese have to be taught that they can gain no more material advantages at the expense of the Powers through the agency—inspired or uninspired—of mob law. Whatever differences exist or may arise hereafter in regard to the future of the foreign Concessions in Shanghai can only be composed round the conference table. On that the Powers are united. The warning—but not a threat, be it noted—is there for the Nationalists to accept or disregard.

Foreign Intervention. The old parrot cry of the Cantonese has had another airing by Colonel L'Estrange Malone. Lecturing at the Parliamentary Labour Club in London on December 16, he stated that the Canton Government is "out for freedom from foreign intervention and influence and for industrial freedom." That has never been opposed by the Powers. All along the line have they made it clear beyond all possible argument that they do not desire and do not intend to intervene in China's domestic affairs. A thousand years alone has it been reiterated that China must put her own house in order—that she must work out her own salvation. There has only been one form of foreign influence and foreign intervention in the affairs of China. That, as all the world knows, emanates from Moscow. Let the Chinese free themselves of this mesalliance, and they will immediately rid themselves of the worst possible type of foreign influence. Let them give Borodin & Co. their walking tickets, and they will be the first to realise how great an incubus they have thrown overboard. Until then, they cannot talk with sincerity of being "out for freedom from foreign intervention and foreign influence." Moreover, they will undoubtedly find, too late, that however irksome those "unequal Treaties" may be, it will be a mere nothing to what is in store for them once Moscow becomes the master of the Chinese. That is no idle theory. It is a stern fact that has to be faced by the Chinese.

The Stature of Scotsmen.

The occasion of the annual Burns anniversary dinner invariably suggests the writing of a few lines dealing either with Scotsmen, their country or their immortal poet. A speech made by Sir Andrew Caird at a dinner of the Scottish Clans Association, held in London—elicited the statement that the average Scot was nearly a stone heavier than the average Englishman. From his subsequent remarks in praise of the Highlanders he seemed to infer that they particularly excel in stature and avoirdupois. If they really do so to-day, it must be because those of them, who are left in the Highlands fare better than their numerous but ill-nourished ancestors. Johnson roundly declared that a London drayman was more than a match for the average Highlander. In Carlyle's youthful days Scottish physique was supposed to be at its highest in the south-west of Scotland, and the average height of adult men and women in Annandale was said to be equal to that of the Grenadier Guards. Industrialism has lowered the standard in the more crowded shires, whilst in Scotland as a whole, agricultural decay has reduced the numbers of those who attain the old rustic standard. In regretting the disappearance of the Highlanders from their native counties Sir Andrew observed that they were the people who put "Ginger" into the Scottish nation. The word aptly describes the contribution of the Highlands to Scottish military history and to the Terpsichorean art. But what is usually understood as the Celtic spirit suggests a rather more delicate seasoning. Ginger is conspicuously absent from the conduct of local and regional affairs in the Highlands. A somewhat stronger dash of it might assist in removing some of the handicaps that prevent the Highlands from ranking with Switzerland and the Pyrenees among the playgrounds of Europe.

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### Soviet Intolerance.

"Whoever knew truth put to the worse in a free and open encounter?" With this question John Milton championed the liberty of the Press in England, and ever since his day his words have stood to rebuke and frustrate every effort to bring about illiberal censorship or restrictions on freedom of discussion. Russia to-day needs a Milton. The Soviet Government has silenced discussion and banned freedom of opinion in a fashion more drastic than that which raised the great Puritan's ire. It is reported that the Bolshevik censorship is to be carried in to libraries, and that "the removal of counter-revolutionary and inartistic literature, from all small libraries of the Soviet Republic" will take place forthwith. The books classed as "counter-revolutionary and inartistic" are indicated more particularly as works of idealistic bent and all books on religion which are not anti-religious. Propagandist literature favouring political systems other than the system now in power in Russia came under the ban, together with works of history and literature dating from Tsarist times, and containing matter favourable in any respect to the old regime. Intolerance of this sort does not manifest a sense of strength or security in the Bolshevik Government. States which are firmly based upon the patriotism of the people find it needless to hamper criticism with stringent censorship.

### MALAYA'S FLOODS.

Singapore, Jan. 24. The Government is continuing to assist refugees, who have lost their all in the disastrous recent floods in Malaya.

Public relief funds are mounting daily. It is not yet possible to ascertain the total death-roll of damage, but it is officially estimated that there have been over 30 fatalities in the state of Kelantan, where 300,000 tons of cattle perished, and the damage to rice crops is \$400,000.

Traders' losses in one town totalled \$800,000. The death-roll in Perak is estimated at 24.—Reuter.

### STRIKERS RESUME.

Shanghai, Jan. 24. Though the bus employees struck a few days ago through fear of molestation by the tramway men, it is reported that they are now arranging to present demands to the management. The tramway men returned to work this morning, and the service is gradually getting back to normal.—Reuter.

The reported approaching Italian-Hungarian negotiations for the re-establishment of a Hungarian transit port at Fiume are arousing comment at Belgrade, as Jugo-Slavia hoped that Hungary would choose Spalato. It is thought that Hungary will necessarily negotiate a friendship treaty with Italy, if Fiume is chosen, thus further isolating Jugo-Slavia and aggravating the Italo-Jugo-Slav tension.

### TAKING NO RISKS.

SHANGHAI'S DEFENSIVE MEASURES.

#### OUR LETTER FROM NORTH.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, Jan. 17.

Whilst refugees continue to arrive in the Settlement from up-river ports, and the air veritably seethes with rumours of trouble in the immediate neighbourhood of Shanghai, preparations continue on a lavish scale for the celebration of the Chinese New Year holidays.

General satisfaction is expressed in most of the clubs in regard to the Council's attitude and it is believed that if there is any trouble in Shanghai, it will be within, rather than without the Settlement.

The opinion is generally felt that, having in view the huge sum the Customs surtax will yield Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, the latter will put up a strong defence against the Cantonese, should they endeavour to continue their North-ward march, in the direction of Shanghai.

It is, of course, good news that the British Government is sending out further detachments of troops to China, but most people think that if there is any trouble, the major portion of the work will fall upon the local Police and Volunteers. The one and only topic at the present time is the possibility of a repetition of the Hankow affair, and, whilst the Council is doing everything in its power to afford the fullest protection to all, both foreigners and Chinese alike, some amusement is to be found in the protest lodged by shop-keepers in Boundary and Elgin Roads against the barricades which have been erected on the borders of the Settlement.

#### More Barricades.

Following the move of the Council of the International Settlement, the French municipal authorities have taken similar steps in preparation for any disturbance that may occur in the future. Along the boundaries of the French Concession to-day are to be seen war-like displays of barbed-wire fences and at several points along Rue des Deux Republiques, grided gates of iron bars with concrete foundations and sills have been erected. Chinese passing through the open gates are not molested and all traffic continues to be conducted as usual.

#### Chinese and The Council.

The question of Chinese representation on the Municipal Council has again been mooted in official quarters. It will be recalled that some time last year, Mr. Stirling Fessenden, the Chairman of the Council, at a banquet at the Majestic Hotel, announced that the Council were in favour of the appointment of three Chinese members in addition to the nine councillors who at present function as the municipal authority. Nothing, however, has been done in the matter, the Chinese having demanded a complete franchise with Chinese representation in proportion to the number of Chinese rate-payers which, of course, would mean a Chinese majority on the Council. It is rumoured that something may be done at the forthcoming Municipal election, but, in view of the general political situation and the uncertainty of affairs, it is difficult to forecast at all accurately in this direction.

#### Progress.

There are a few residents in Shanghai at the present time who pride themselves in narrating events of the old days when they used to go shooting where the Race Course now stands, or of paper-hunting in what is now one of the busiest parts of the Hong-kew district. Now comes the news that the Town Hall, for years an historic landmark in the International Settlement, has been sold and is to make way for another modern departmental store. Built in the latter part of the 19th century, the old building yet breathes an atmosphere of bygone years, of gay, stately balls, where gathered the elite of the city. Then, too, within its aged walls there once gathered three solemn, dignified Chief Justices, representing England, America and Japan to hold official inquiry into the shooting of Chinese students on May 30, 1925.

The strains of music, of Verdi, Beethoven and Mozart, and other masters has oft been heard in the old building, for it was there in recent years that the Municipal Symphony Concerts were given. Modern Shops. It is understood that the Dah Wah Company will erect a huge modern departmental store on the site. The building will also house a bank insurance, restaurant, hotel and roof garden amusements, with an up-to-date hall

### A LONG WALK.

JAPANESE STUDENTS' WORLD TOURS.

#### VISIT TO HONG KONG.

The latest round-the-world walker to visit Hong Kong is Mr. S. Akimitsu, a graduate of the Ritsumeikan College of Law in Kioto, Japan, who has arranged for himself three distinct tours which will cover the northern sections of both hemispheres.

He is 25 years of age. Starting on August 8 last year, he has so far visited places in Japan and Korea, Manchuria, Dairen, Port Arthur, Tientsin, Peking and Shanghai, and he arrived here yesterday on the "Kotsu-Maru" from Swatow.

Next Sunday he will walk round the island of Hong Kong, starting from Government House at 9 a.m.

Mr. Akimitsu travels "light" with the minimum of baggage. He carries with him a book of autographs, a hot water bottle, haversack, a flask and a white band inscribed with the words "walking round the world" on one side and Japanese characters with the same meaning on the reverse.

#### Three Different Routes.

Mr. Akimitsu, who started out with 2,000 yen, helps to support himself by contributing articles to the Japanese newspapers on the progress of his tour. He hopes to be able later to write a book on his experiences.

By way of Indo-China and Siam, Mr. Akimitsu hopes to arrive in England, going through Europe. He will then return to Yokohama and set out on a second tour covering the whole of North America. His third tour will be from Tokyo, across Siberia to Moscow. He thinks that the whole tour will be completed in four years.

### COLONY'S HEALTH.

MORE QUESTIONS BY MR. J. P. BRAGA.

At this afternoon's meeting of the Sanitary Department, Mr. J. P. Braga will ask a series of questions on two subjects, as follows:—

#### Kowloon Tong.

I.—By whose sanction and under what by-law has permission, if any, been granted to certain Chinese squatters, to construct, on recently filled-in Crown land in the district of Kowloon Tong, within a hundred yards of dwelling-houses, a cesspool of cement concrete (approximate dimensions 15' by 10'), in which human faeces are collected and allowed to decompose to serve as manure in vegetable gardens in that vicinity?

II.—Is it in the best interest of the public health that a new squatters' settlement, with its attendant objectionable feature mentioned in (I) be permitted to be established in a new and growing residential district?

III.—Is it not possible to obtain another site to which this squatters' settlement might be transferred and so remove the source of an ever-present danger, to the health of present and prospective residents in the neighbourhood, arising out of the use of noxious and offensive manurial matter by the vegetable gardeners?

IV.—If a new site can be found, will the Government take into favourable consideration the removal as soon as practicable of the settlement complained of?

#### Stagnant Pools.

V.—Will the President be good enough to cause samples of water to be taken by officers of the Sanitary Department from the stagnant pools in Crown Land on the eastern and western boundaries of Kowloon Tong and more particularly of a small stream draining into the nullah at the point where it is being covered in below the railway bridge, and have such samples examined for the presence of any matter that might constitute a danger to public health in the district of Kowloon Tong?

VI.—If deemed advisable as a preventive measure against providing breeding ground for the larvae of anopheles mosquito, will the President direct officers of the Department to have the stagnant pools treated with kerosene oil or other substance calculated to minimise the danger of an outbreak of malaria due to the existence of the stagnant pools referred to in (V)?

room patterned after those of three other department stores on Nanking Road.

The company is capitalised at \$5,000,000, it was announced, and it is planned to begin construction of the new building very shortly. The backers of the enterprise hope to have a portion of the building ready for occupancy within two and a-half years. The building will be eight storeys high and will cost about \$1,500,000 and will probably have a tower which will be illuminated at night.

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## FURTHER TROUBLE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

There have ended. Four men charged with looting in the A.P.C. Building there have been executed. Instructions from Mr. T. V. Soong, Minister of Finance, have been sent to the authorities at Changsha, that no interference should be allowed with the operations of the Standard Oil Company. It became known here to-day that Mr. T. V. Soong, Finance Minister of the Nationalist Government, personally prevented the possibility of armed clash between the mobs of coolies bent on invading the British Concession, and the British marines on guard inside the Kiangling Concession gates.

At Kiangling Concession. While en route to Hankow after attending the conference of leaders of the Nationalist Government in Nanchang, Mr. Soong arrived in Kiangling last Thursday (Jan. 13). He passed the point where a crowd was massed at the boundary of the British Concession, and seeing the danger in the situation, mounted the barricade and addressed the mob.

He told them his name and position with the Nationalist Government, and exhorted them to be calm and disperse without further action. The crowd, desisted from their activities for the moment, and later in the afternoon armed troops entered and took over the protection of the area. Nationalist News Agency.

## EARLIER MESSAGES.

Troops leaving Malta.

Malta, Jan. 24.

The 1st Battalion of the Bedfordshire Regiment, and the 2nd Battalion of the Border Regiment, are leaving for China on Monday, aboard the "Meganitic."

The combined strength is about 1,400.

A number of officers of other branches of the service, including medical officers and nurses, are accompanying the drafts. —Reuter.

## Marines coming.

London, Jan. 24.

There was unwelcome activity at Portsmouth barracks on Sunday when 1,000 marines were busy packing up their kits and bidding farewell to friends and relatives preparatory to sailing for China to-day aboard the "Minnesota," which will call at Hong Kong en route to Shanghai.

## India Sends Troops.

Delhi, Jan. 24.

In the course of his inaugural address to the Assembly, the Viceroy announced that India being the nearest part of the Empire wherein forces were available for immediate despatch to China, the Government of India had agreed to contribute a contingent including Indian troops, thus co-operating with the Imperial Government, who had reluctantly been forced to order a reinforcement as a purely defensive measure. —Reuter.

## Four Battalions from India.

London, Jan. 24.

The War Office has officially announced that the Government of India is arranging to despatch to Shanghai two British and two Indian battalions, with ancillary troops. —Reuter.

## Japanese Warships.

Tokyo, Jan. 24.

The Navy Office announces that four destroyers, the "Momo," "Yanagi," "Hinoki" and "Kashi," were despatched to Shanghai from Sasebo to-day to join Japan's China squadron. —Reuter.

## YEAR'S PROFIT.

BANK OF EAST ASIA LTD. REPORT.

The Directors of the Bank of East Asia, Ltd. announce that, subject to audit, the profit for the year ending December 31, 1926, after writing off all charges and making provision for depreciation, bad and doubtful debts, and including the balance of \$163,365.28 brought forward from 1925 amounts to \$622,680.05 which the Directors propose to deal with at the forthcoming annual meeting as follows:—

To Pay a Final Dividend for the year 1926 of 6% ..... \$300,000.00  
To Pay a bonus to Directors, Holders of Founder shares, and the staff ..... 23,897.21  
To Carry forward to next year's account 298,782.84

\$622,680.05

## A CORRECTION.

Owing to a misunderstanding, the name of the University compound which three leopards "invaded," one being shot by the long bow of a teacher whose hobby is archery, was given as Amoy. The "China Mail" informants who participated in the hunt came from the Fokien Christian University in Foochow and it was there that the incidents in question took place. The other facts are as stated yesterday.

## HELP FOR YOUNG.

Bequests By Ex-China Resident.

MR. ANDREW BURMAN'S WILL.

Rescuing of probate of the will of Andrew Burman, formerly of Shanghai, China, but late of Torbay, Mount, Chelston Torquay, Devonshire, who died at Torbay Mount on October 28, 1926, has been granted to Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, solicitor of Messrs. Johnson Stokes and Master, the lawful attorney of deceased's executors. Deceased's net estate in the United Kingdom amount to \$13,713.36, while his Hong Kong estate is \$17,799.00.

Besides many bequests to his relatives and friends he also bequeathed the following:—

To the National Art Collections Fund his few books and pamphlets on Oriental Art together with the sum of £500. To Dr. Barnard's Homes National Incorporated Association the sum of £500 which he desired to be applied for the fund for training boys for the British Navy and British Mercantile Marine.

## Hospital Grants.

To the East London Hospital for Children and Dispensary for Women, Clarendon Road, Shadwell, Middlesex the sum of £500.

To the Tropical Hospital of the Seamen's Hospital Society for general purposes of the said Hospital the sum of £500. To the Torbay Hospital at Torquay, aforesaid the sum of £500.

To his servant in his employ at the date of his death and who had been one year or upwards in his service the sum of £10 for each completed year of such service.

To the Trustees of the Victoria and Albert Museum South Kensington entire collection of all objects of Oriental Art of whatsoever description or such of them as the said Trustees shall be willing to accept.

## "LIBEL" CASE.

JUDGMENT FOR ELECTRIC COMPANY.

A "PRIVILEGED" LETTER.

In reply for the Electric Company at the continuation yesterday afternoon of the hearing of the claim against them by the Ho Sing firm for damages for alleged breach of contract and for alleged libel, Mr. Potter quoted cases which, he claimed, were similar to the present in that there was no evidence from which a contract to supply electricity could be implied to be binding for a specific period or requiring them, before discontinuing the supply to give notice of their intention so to do.

Mr. Potter added that in dealing with various big consumers special contracts were entered into in which the liability of the parties on these matters was set out.

With regard to the alleged libel, Mr. Potter contended that the letter in which the statement referred to was contained, was a privileged communication. Even then, of course, it should not contain allegations recklessly made and obviously untrue but they had the plaintiff's manager's own statement that if certain facts were true, the only conclusion the Company could have come to was that the meter had been tampered with.

In reply to Mr. K. Lo (for the plaintiff) His Lordship (Sir H. C. Gollan) said that he regarded the communication as a privileged one. The plaintiff had asked for the reason of the discontinuance of supply and the letter giving the Electric Company's reasons had been sent in reply.

In the course of further argument as to whether the Electric Company was liable on the question of discontinuance of supply for breach of contract His Lordship said that he was against Mr. Lo. He was somewhat reluctant to come to this decision and he thought it a great pity that regulations had been made for the safeguarding of the public in the matter of cutting off supply without notice. The powers given to the Company were so great that he thought it just as



Miss H. M. Gordon, the artist who is visiting Hong Kong, has travelled in many lands. This picture shows her on the top of the Kardong Pass, Western Tibet, at a point 17,600 feet above sea level on the route into Central Asia.

## STILL IN COURT.

THE FIRST SEIZED IN THE COLONY.

ILLEGAL LIQUOR CHARGE.

A Chinese still, 5 feet 6 inches high, jars of alcohol, filters, a miscellaneous collection of bottles and other impedimenta used in the distillation of Chinese wine figured as exhibits in Mr. Lindsell's Court at the Central Magistracy this morning, when a Chinese employed by the Catholic fathers at Pokfulam, was charged with the unlawful possession of the articles and with possessing liquor on unlicensed premises.

Chief Preventive Officer Clarke conducted the case for Imports and Exports Department.

In reply to the Magistrate, the defendant admitted possession of the still and liquor, but denied that he trafficked in the illicit liquor.

Mr. Lindsell: The charge states that the liquor was being distilled in the Roman Catholic church. Is that so?

C. P. O. Clarke: No. In the servants' quarters attached to the church.

Mr. Lindsell: Is it an ordinary still?

C. P. O. Clarke: Yes. It is the same kind as is used in the country, but it is the first one to be seized in the Colony.

Mr. Lindsell: What is its capacity?—Thirty or forty jars a day. Once the thing gets properly hot, you can turn out three gallons in forty minutes.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$500, with the alternative of four months imprisonment.

The prisoner left the Court ejaculating "I have no money; I have no money."

Mr. Lindsell: Then you can go to jail.

well that the whole subject should be considered.

His Lordship entered judgment for the defendants (the Electric Company).

On the question of costs, which would also be for defendants, he did not feel inclined to certify for counsel. He was inclined to regard counsel in a Summary Court as a luxury.

## RECORD OF SERVICE.

"Diamond Gleams," containing records of service rendered by Salvation Army officers in North China, makes an appropriate appearance in view of the recent visit of General Bramwell Booth who obeyed the dying wish of his father, William Booth, founder of the S.A., in directing the establishing of "Army" work in China.

A review of the achievements of the S.A. in China, written by Commissioner Pearce shortly before his death, and other records by Adjutants, Ensigns and other workers show a record of progress in conversion and extension of spheres of operations.

Statistics are given of relief work carried on in Tientsin, Peking, Tai Yuan Fu and other places. Medical work, Rescue work, evangelistic campaigns, etc., in three provinces are traced, the numbers of officers and cadets in training now numbering 258, it is gathered.

## POST OFFICE RECORD.

Rugby, Jan. 24. The commercial accounts of the Post Office for the year ended March 31st, show a net surplus of \$6,667,000, which is the highest recorded except for 1913.

Postal services produced a profit of over \$7,000,000 and the profit on telephones exceeded \$500,000.

The telephone service showed a loss of \$1,300,000, which represents an improvement of \$300,000 on the previous year.

The total expenditure for the year exceeded \$55,000,000, of which \$33,000,000 were absorbed in salaries, wages and allowances.

## Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

## Entertainments.

January 25—Quech's Theatre: "The Midnight Sun." Theatre: "The Thief of Bagdad."

January 25—World Theatre: "The Stranger's Banquet."

January 25—Star Theatre: "The Stranger's Banquet."

January 26—Royal Italian Company presents "Traviata."

January 26—Social and Dance at Diocesan Boys' School under the auspices of the D.S.O.B. Assn. 8.30 p.m.

January 26—Dance on H.M.S. "Tamar."

January 26—Chinese play by Bellios Public (Girls) School in Queen's College Hall, 8 p.m.

January 26—Theatre Royal: "Red Riding Hood." 8.15 p.m.

February 1—Fancy dress ball in Roof Garden of Hong Kong Hotel.

January 26—Entries for the Annual Race Meeting close at 5 p.m.

January 26—Entries for the Hong Kong Cricket Club tennis tournament close on this date.

February 5—Next tournament of the Hong Kong Boxing Assn.

February 5—Inaugural meeting of the International Race and Recreation Club of Macao.

February 12—Steeplechase Meeting of Fanling Hunt, Kwantai Race Course.

January 26—At No. 4, Felix Villas, Mt. Davis Rd., Pokfulam, household furniture will be auctioned by Messrs. Lammet Bros., at 2.45 p.m.

January 27—Chinese curios will be sold at Messrs. Lammet Bros. Sales Room, 2.30 p.m.

January 28—Valuable household furniture at 10, Kennedy Rd., will be auctioned by Messrs. Lammet Bros., at 2.45 p.m.

Meetings.

January 27—Hong Kong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.'s thirty-ninth meeting at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's offices, noon.

January 27—Seventh meeting of Queen's College Old Boys' Assn. in Queen's College Hall, 5.30 p.m.

January 28—Twenty-ninth meeting of the "Star Ferry Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's office, 11 a.m.

January 31—Annual meeting of seat-holders and subscribers, at St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.15 p.m.

## ATLANTIC SWIMMER.

GREETED BY 30,000 AT GLASGOW.

London, Jan. 14.

Thirty thousand Scotsmen were hoaxed at Glasgow, when they gathered to see the arrival of an American girl student, Anne Dapenny, after her swim across the Atlantic.

Glasgow University students, since Friday, had posted bulletins announcing her progress eastward.

The swimmer had a great reception to the tune of "Uncle, Bang Gods saxpence," which, she said, was played to her the whole way across.

"The swim," Miss Dapenny remarked, "was easy after I passed the rum fleet which crowds up just outside the three-mile limit and which makes it just cruel for a girl swimmer like me."

Miss Dapenny was really a man student, who secretly entered the river Clyde 400 yards below the Point.

## COLONY'S HEALTH.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE LAST WEEK.

Last week's return of notifiable disease in the Colony was confined entirely to enteric fever (typhoid). There were four cases, one from the city and three from Kowloon, with no death. Two of the patients were Chinese, one an Indian and the other a Portuguese.

January 31—Twenty-second meeting of Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., Messrs. Dodwell & Co's office, 11 a.m.

February 3—Annual meeting of Hong Kong Horticultural Society, Messrs. Jardine Matheson's 5.15 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

January 25—Hong Kong St. Andrew's Society, Burn's Anniversary Dinner, Voluntary Headquarters, 8 p.m.

January 25—Annual inspection of St. John's Ambulance Brigade, Murray Parade ground, 5.15 p.m.

January 25—Pianoforte recital by Mr. Harry Ore, City Hall, 5.30 p.m.

January 27—Presentation of prizes at Ellis Kadoorie School for Indians, Sookumpoo, 11.30 a.m.

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## LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Mr. Harry Ore's pianoforte  
recital commences at 5.30 p.m. at  
the City Hall to-day.

A complete list of street fire  
alarms now installed in the  
Colony, indicating their respec-  
tive positions, is advertised else-  
where in this issue.

An advertisement appears on  
page 3 of this issue, giving  
instructions for motor traffic  
going to and from the ball on  
H.M.S. "Tamar" to-morrow night.

H.E. the Governor (Sir Ciel  
Clementi, K.C.M.G., and Knight  
of Grace of the Order of St.  
John), will inspect the local  
Corps of the St. John Ambulance  
Brigade on Murray Parade  
ground to-day at 5.15 p.m.

When a Chinese was charg-  
ed at the Kowloon Magistracy  
yesterday with returning from  
banishment, it was stated that  
he had been sentenced upon six  
previous occasions for the same  
offence. Mr. Schofield passed  
sentence of twelve months' hard  
labour with twenty-four strokes  
of the birch.

The teacher had been giving  
a lesson on the reindeer—its  
haunts, habits, and uses. One  
little chap was not paying the  
slightest attention, so the teacher  
pounced on him. "Now, what is  
the use of the reindeer?" she asked  
him. The startled youngster  
looked up, paused, and then re-  
plied: "Please, ma'am, it makes  
things grow!"

The Kowloon Motor Bus  
Company's new Leyland-Lion  
motor bus will be given a trial  
run this afternoon starting at  
5.15 p.m. from the Star Ferry.  
Kowloon. Among those invited  
are the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe  
(Captain-Superintendent of Pol-  
ice) and the Hon. Mr. D. C. M.  
Bernard (President of the Hong  
Kong Automobile Association).

"Making the Police collect a  
civil debt is a practice to be  
frowned on," said Mr. C. A. S.  
Russ at the Central Magistracy  
yesterday afternoon, when de-  
fending a man and his wife  
charged with obtaining money  
and a quantity of jewellery by  
false pretences. Mr. Russ argued  
that the case was one for the  
Summary Court, with which  
argument Mr. Schofield concurred,  
discharging the defendants.

The Queen Alexandra Im-  
perial Nursing Service and the  
Queen Alexandra Military  
Families Nursing Service have  
been amalgamated by Royal War-  
rant.

Five cases of notifiable dis-  
ease were reported to the Medical  
Officer of Health on Monday, as  
follow:—3 of small-pox from the  
city district, 1 of typhoid from  
the city and 1 of cerebro-spinal  
fever from the Kowloon district.  
All the patients are Chinese.

Don't wait here, lads. Go  
on and play your football." This  
is what Father Knowles, games  
master of St. Bede's College,  
Alexandra Park, Manchester, said  
to his pupils, who gathered  
round him when he lay on the  
roadside recently, severely in-  
jured after collision with a car while  
motor-cycling on his way to the  
college football ground. He was  
conveyed to the Royal Infirmary,  
where he was found to be suffer-  
ing from a compound fracture of  
the right leg, scalp and face  
wounds, and severe shock.

Mrs. R. A. Jaffray, a welfare  
worker who has recently arrived  
here from the United States, pro-  
poses founding here a "Friendly  
League for Christian Service,"  
the object of which is to provide  
recreational facilities for busi-  
ness girls of Hong Kong. The  
proposal is to take the premises  
formerly occupied by the Coronet  
Theatre and to fit it up as lunch  
and rest rooms. Other activities  
will include the making of de-  
corative and useful articles for  
the Home. It is also proposed  
to set it as a centre for exhibi-  
tions for the Blind Home and  
similar institutions.

A Sheffield woman has lost  
her pension through reading her  
prayer book. When a girl she  
had been called in to nurse her  
aunt (her mother's sister). The  
aunt died, and the girl eventually  
married her uncle, and three  
children were born of the mar-  
riage. The husband died, and the  
woman received her pension un-  
der the National Health Insurance  
Acts. Then one day she saw in  
her prayer book "a table of kin-  
dred and affinity," which lays  
down that a woman may not  
marry her "mother's sister's hus-  
band." Distressed by the dis-  
covery, the woman wrote to the  
Ministry of Health for informa-  
tion, and has been informed that  
she is not entitled to a pension.

The heroic rhesa coolie, who  
went to the aid of his master, the  
chief of the Chinese staff of the  
Shanghai Tramway Co., who was  
murdered last week, died on  
Saturday afternoon as a result of  
the two bullets which struck him.

News has been received in  
the Colony to the effect that it  
is highly probable that Leo  
Podolsky and his wife, Vera  
Mirova, are hoping to arrange  
another tour of the Far East.  
These two talented artists are  
not, of course, strangers to Hong  
Kong, having given several per-  
formances here some years ago.  
Mr. Podolsky is at present in  
Chicago with the famous Sher-  
wood Music School. His wife re-  
cently appeared before Queen  
Marie of Roumania during her  
Majesty's visit to Chicago.

When Mr. James Dahymple,  
the Glasgow tramway manager,  
was charged at Glasgow last  
month with forging and uttering  
a telegram, a novel objection was  
raised by his solicitor. He point-  
ed out that the telegram was  
wholly typewritten, including the  
signature, and in his submission  
was not a forgery in the sense of  
the Post Office (Protection) Act,  
1834. He was unable to discover  
a single instance of a typewritten  
forgery. The prosecution con-  
tended that the telegram was not  
genuine in any respect, and as a  
telegram was defined as a written  
or printed message, the one in  
question came within the latter  
category. The Sheriff said that it  
was a novel point which he would  
take time to consider. He accord-  
ingly adjourned the case.

"I was never anxious for  
money, I do not care for money,"  
said Mr. Bernard Baron, the mil-  
lionaire who has recently given  
away several thousands of pounds  
for philanthropic purposes, when  
he presided in London at the  
meeting of Carreras, Ltd. "If all  
great concerns paid good wages  
it would bring happiness to a  
great number of workers and to  
their homes and it would pay  
these concerns to do so." Speak-  
ing of his own firm, who employ  
2,500 hands, he said that he had  
no happier time than when he  
could get among them. "They  
receive me like a king and they  
do all they can for me. Money is  
nothing in comparison to that. I  
think we have reached the stage  
at which we are all happy and I  
am one of the happiest of the  
lot."

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

The Right Rev. the Lord  
Bishop of London left Singapore  
last week for Australia.

An assistant to the Official  
Measurer, Hong Kong, Mr. H.  
Nish sailed for London on Satur-  
day on the P. & O. s.s. "Kashmir"  
to join his wife and family at  
Home.

Mrs. L. H. King and family were  
passengers on the Home-bound  
"Kashmir" from Hong Kong on  
Saturday. She is the wife of the  
engineer in charge of the electri-  
cal office of the Public Works De-  
partment.

Under Miss Skinner (head-  
mistress) and her staff, the girls  
of Bellios Public School are pre-  
sented a Chinese play at 3 p.m.  
to-morrow, the venue being the  
hall of Queen's College (by  
courtesy).

Mr. E. G. Renton, who played  
cricket regularly for the Kowloon  
Cricket Club, sailed for Home by  
the "Kashmir." He was an  
analyst attached to the staff of  
Messrs. W. R. Loxley and was  
very popular with the younger  
fraternity in Kowloon.

Among the many passengers  
who joined the "Kashmir" at  
Hong Kong on her Homeward  
bound trip were Captain C. G.  
Ramsey, R.N., Surgeon Lt. D.  
Glass, R.N., Captain D. H. James,  
Captain S. Ommundsen, Mr.  
W. E. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs.  
J. B. de Courcy, Mrs. A. R. Eng-  
land, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hall,  
Miss J. Hall, Mr. W. Hewett,  
C.M.G., Mr. J. W. Stoneham, Mr.  
C. F. Taylor and Mr. F. Wright.

Scenes of "Eastern" life and  
scenery figure in the exhibition  
of work by Miss H. M. Gordon  
which opens at Lane, Crawford's  
at 11 p.m. on Thursday, Lady  
Clementi performing the cere-  
mony. Miss Gordon is a well  
known artist and recently made  
an extensive tour in Northern  
and Central India in pursuit of  
her art. She has also travelled  
in the nearer East, scenes of  
which figure among the many  
beautiful paintings on exhibit.

The Roumanian Legation em-  
phatically denies the reports of  
the engagement of Princess  
Ileana.

The following deaths are an-  
nounced:—Sir John Scott Keltie,  
the famous geographer, aged 86.  
Sir Thomas Colpitts Granger, the  
County Court Judge, aged 75.

Accompanied by Mrs. Cave,  
Mr. C. P. Cave of the Asiatic  
Petroleum Co., Ltd., Talkoktau  
installation, sailed for Home by  
the P. and O. s.s. "Kashmir."

Mr. Frederick Lane, a director of  
the Asiatic Petroleum and other oil  
companies, who died on Sept. 24,  
aged 75, left estate in his own dis-  
position of the gross value of  
£571,510.

The Earl of Ronaldshay, dis-  
tinguished soldier, traveller and  
author, who was on Lord Curzon's  
staff when he was Viceroy of India,  
is writing the life of the famous  
statesman.

Mr. J. Stewart of Taikoo Dock,  
a former Hong Kong Interport  
football centre-half, sailed for  
Home on Saturday on the  
P. and O. s.s. "Kashmir." He  
was also an active member of  
the Victoria Recreation Club. On  
the same boat was Sanitary In-  
spector J. Watson with his wife  
and family. Mr. Watson also  
played for the first eleven of the  
Hong Kong Football Club and the  
two of them were presented with  
gifts from fellow members.

The forthcoming wedding is  
announced of Dr. Phoon Sack-  
wah, No. 41A, Bonham Road,  
and Miss Suen Lan Chan, No. 1,  
St. Stephen's Lane. Dr. Phoon  
Sack-wah graduated M.B., B.S.  
at Hong Kong University in 1922  
with his brother Dr. Phoon Sack-  
foo. His elder brother, Dr.  
Phoon Sack-wing was given the  
M.D. at the congregation this  
month. The prospective bride-  
groom was House Surgeon to the  
University from January to June,  
1922 and all three brothers won  
the King Edward VII. scholar-  
ship.

Among the passengers who  
sailed from Hong Kong yesterday  
on the N.Y.K. "Tenyo Maru" for  
Shanghai, Japan and San Fran-  
cisco were Mr. J. L. Maxwell,  
Mr. C. Garcia, Mr. C. O.  
Schneider.

Mr. T. King, the ardent  
swimmer and yachtsman, will be  
away from Hong Kong for some  
time as he has gone on a business  
visit to Batavia (Java), sailing  
on the "Kashmir" via Singapore.  
He is the local representative of  
Linotype and Machinery Ltd.

Mr. W. G. FitzGibbon is re-  
turning to the Colony from leave  
by the P. and O. "Mantua" which  
is due here on February 4. For  
eighteen months before going on  
leave Mr. FitzGibbon acted as  
Secretary of the P.W.D. and,  
upon his return, will take up that  
position permanently.

A Reuter cable from London  
announces the death of Mr.  
Preceval London, barrister-  
at-law, special correspondent,  
dramatist and author. From  
1899 to 1900 Mr. London was  
special correspondent to the  
"Times" during the South  
African war. In the latter year  
he was made private secretary to  
the Governor of New South  
Wales. As a journalist he cov-  
ered the Delhi Durbar for the  
"Daily Mail" and was also cor-  
respondent for them in China,  
Japan and Siberia in 1903. In  
the latter year he was correspon-  
dent for the "Times" during the  
Lhasa expedition and for the  
"Daily Telegraph" during the  
visit of the Prince of Wales to  
India, 1905-1906; in Persia,  
India and Nepal in 1908; Russian  
Turkistan in 1909; in Egypt and  
the Sudan in 1910, and the Delhi  
Durbar of 1911. During the  
Great War he was with the Bri-  
tish and French lines in 1914-  
1915 and with the Italian lines  
in 1917. He attended the Peace  
Conference in 1919, and attend-  
ed the Prince of Wales's tour in  
1921-1922. He was the author  
of several books of travel.

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## SPORTS SECTION

## HOLDER LOSES.

## CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING AT HOME.

## VICTORY ON POINTS.

London, Jan. 24.

Johnny Cuthbert of Sheffield beat Johnny Curley of Lambeth (the holder) to-night, on points, in a 20-round contest for the featherweight boxing championship of Britain, the bout taking place at the National Sporting Club.

Curley had held the title since 1925. In the afternoon they both weighed in at 125 lbs.

Both Men Miss.

It was a poor fight in which the fewest of good blows landed.

Cuthbert relied largely on right hooks to the jaw and on body blows while Curley, who was the better stylist than his opponent, scored most of his points with straight lefts and left hooks to the jaw and body, but both contestants frequently missed.

It was an even struggle throughout with Cuthbert gaining a very narrow victory. The decision was cheered.—Reuter.

## LUCKY NUMBERS.

## HOW TO WIN IN CASH SWEEPS.

## THE "PIECES OF EIGHT."

A correspondent writes to a Penang contemporary:—

A remarkable instance of a strange coincidence happened on Saturday last. A friend of mine happened to buy a cash sweep ticket in the 8th Race of the First Day's Races (Jan. 8) and struck the first prize, his winning ticket number being 8 and the horse that came in first was also No. 8 (Kismet) and what makes the incident the more remarkable is that the date was also the 8th and the birth date of the lucky man also being the 8th of the 8th month in 1888!

Can any one of your readers quote an instance, to beat the above?

No, we don't think so! In this collection of "pieces of eight" the writer has overlooked the fact that Kismet was also carrying 8 stone, observes the "Singapore Free Press."

## YACHT CLUB.

## LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP RACE.

The seventh championship race for ladies of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club was sailed yesterday. There were 4 boats in the Handicap class and 8 in the combined class (for Gales, One Designs and Heyward Hays).

The course was to Channel Rocks, East Rock buoy, Kowloon Rock, finish at the Club line—distance 6.6 miles.

In the table below the yachts are given in order on corrected time (i.e., according to handicap).—

## Handicap Class.

Yacht	Time	Corrected
La Linda (1st)	4:12.13	4:07.54
Colleen (2nd)	4:14.31	4:09.01
Falcon (3rd)	4:15.40	4:09.04
Diana	4:10.35	4:09.29

## Combined Class.

Yacht	Time	Corrected
Blue nose (1st)	4:27.08	4:24.28
Boojum (2nd)	4:28.49	4:26.04
Zephyr (3rd)	4:31.41	4:27.30
Daphne	4:28.20	4:28.20
Thecla	4:37.31	4:29.16
Why Wonder?	4:32.44	4:29.59
Ailsa	4:30.39	4:30.39
Gael	4:50.54	4:31.57

## £500 GOLF.

## EX-EDINBURGH MAN'S VICTORY.

El Paso, Jan. 24.

Tommy Armour, of the Congressional Club, has won the \$32,500 open golf tournament.

Johnny Golden, of New Jersey, and Joe Kirkwood, of New York, tied for second place.

Armour belongs to Edinburgh, and represented Britain in the Walker Cup against America at Hoylake in 1921. He is now in America as a professional.—Reuter's American Service.

## RACE ENTRIES.

Reminder: Entries for the Hong Kong Jockey Club annual meeting close to-morrow at 5 p.m. to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, the secretaries.

## HOME SOCCER.

## LEAGUE, DIVISION III NORTH.

## TWO MORE MATCHES.

London, Jan. 24.

Matches played to-day in the English Football League (Home club given first) resulted:—

## Division III (North).

Rotherham 1, Accrington 1.  
Walsall 5, Tranmere 1.

—Reuter.

## M.C.C. IN RANGOON.

## 10 WICKETS VICTORY OVER ALL BURMA.

## FINISHED JUST ON TIME.

Calcutta, Jan. 18.

At Rangoon the M.C.C. defeated All Burma by ten wickets.

Burma batted first and made 144, of which McCarthy made 48 and Murad 34. Tate took five wickets for 37.

The tourists compiled 276, including Wyatt 78, Parsons, 64, Geary 47 and Brown 32.

In their second innings Burma were out for 137, of which Geary made 34 not out. Tate took five for 35 and Geary two for 33.

The tourists made seven runs without loss. It was a dramatic finish. The M.C.C. opened the innings with only six minutes to play, and the last ball was on the stroke of time.

## FURTHER LAURELS.

## £5,000 WINNER TO TRY CHANNEL?

## YOUNG, THE CANADIAN.

Montreal, Jan. 17.

Efforts are being made to induce the 17-year old Toronto lad (named Young) who won the 22-mile swim with 102 competitors from Santa Catalina Island to the Californian mainland, to attempt the English Channel.

The record for the Channel is at present held by Michel, a Paris baker, in 11 hrs. 5 mins.

Young, the Toronto lad, covered the Catalina Island swim in 15 hrs. 45 mins., winning \$25,000.—"China Press."

## WHAT IS IT?

## STRANGE REPORT OF M.C.C. TOUR.

## CRICKET SCORE OF 29-0!

Under the "three line" heading of Argentine Team beats English cricketers 29-0, the "China Press" records:—

Buenos Aires, Jan. 18.

The Argentine cricket team the M.C.C. won in the third test match to-day by 29 runs. The honours seemed to be evenly divided and the Argentine eleven will meet the Argentine-born eleven in the fourth match to-day.

## CAPE "CHANNEL" SWIM.

Cape Town.

Once again woman has triumphed over man in a long-distance endurance swim. Miss Florrie Berndt, a Robben Island nurse, to-day swam the eight-and-a-half miles channel between Robben Island and Rogge Bay in 7 1/4 hours. Ten men and two women started, but Miss Berndt was the only competitor to finish.

It will be remembered that Miss Peggy Duncan, who is only 15 years old, gained a similar distinction when the first swim was held over this course on Nov. 6 last. Miss Duncan, however, took 9 hrs. 35 mins. and was swept so much out of the direct course that she swam about fourteen miles.

Miss Berndt's performance is all the more remarkable, as the water of this channel is cold and turbulent, and entirely unsuited to a swim of this nature.

A valuable consignment of perch numbering 7,000, has been placed in the Thames, at Shepperton, by the Thames Angling Preservation Society, for restocking purposes. Perch are good sporting fish, and those turned down should flourish well in the new home.

## "SUNNING" PIRACY

(Continued from Page 1.)

be drinking whiskey and smoking opium.

The only other witness who had referred to No. 8 had given his evidence in such a way that no one could possibly believe what he said. At the police court, he had picked out No. 8 after he had had the opportunity of seeing the cabin boy pick out the man before him and after he had at the first hearing seen No. 8 in the row of prisoners.

At the Sessions, when asked if he could identify either of two men he had formerly stated the prisoner was amongst who came into the steerage with arms and told them to be quiet, he had stated that he could not. Later, when reminded by His Lordship of his previous statement, he was faced with a dilemma. He had previously pointed out someone he was not now sure of and he was frightened into sticking to his previous story "like many have done" added counsel.

No. 8's favour, continued counsel, the Court had it he was from a different country from the rest of the men, being a Chinese Formosan with credited passport from the Japanese Government. He had given a clear statement of the reasons of his presence on board from the very outset. Was it right, asked counsel, that he should be put in jeopardy of his life by putting his case to the jury?

Counsel and Capt. Pringle. With regard to No. 14, counsel submitted, nobody seemed to know much about him at all. Capt. Pringle, whose "ability to pick out anybody and everybody is one of the most outstanding features of the case," notwithstanding that naval officers had deposed to his dazed condition on the following morning, had stated that he saw him on the boat-deck and the alley-way with the pirates. But there were numbers of passengers who were driven from the alley-ways to the boat-deck to act as a shield.

Out of the 65 witnesses, only one other spoke of having seen him at all and that witness was contradicted by another. The pantry boy had stated that No. 14 was among the pirates who came into the cabin and searched in his boxes. The other pantry boy had stated that men came in but did nothing at all.

With regard to No. 14 also, counsel suggested that it was impossible to ask any jury to consider the question of his life or death.

No. 9 had been identified by Captain Pringle who said that he only saw him once whilst he (Capt. Pringle) was being shown to his box-room. Most of the time, according to witness, the man was following him behind. The Capt's boy, in his enthusiasm to be of assistance, had identified the whole of 6 men whom he, with 4 others, was obliged to wait on at mealtime when the pirates were in control.

Others of the enforced assistants had only identified 2. Among these six the Captain's boy had identified was No. 9.

With regard to No. 7, there was more against him, said counsel, than the others but only, he claimed, because his features were typical of a type of Chinese. This had been deposed to by Capt. Pringle, who confused him with No. 11 and by Mr. Beatty and Mr. Orr.

The story that No. 20 had given to his fellow discharged seaman who observed him tied up on deck after the "Bluebell" arrived, was given at once. He had explained that he was approaching a pirate who had a purse similar to that which had been stolen from him (No. 7 prisoner) and that the crew had prevented him from identifying the purse and that the officers, seeing him struggling with the crew, had ordered him to be tied up with the pirates.

In conclusion, counsel dealt with the application of the Crown to add another indictment involving the point as to whether there could be piracy without violence. His Lordship had already expressed an opinion without legal argument. That opinion was one also expressed by the Court of Criminal Appeal in regard to the association of robbery with murder.

Mr. Sheldon's Submissions. Addressing His Lordship on behalf of other prisoners, Mr. H. G. Sheldon submitted from various authorities that the position in law was that no one could be convicted as a principal in the first degree unless it was his hand that dealt the blow or else that common purpose with intent to the unlawful act could be proved.

No. 20 (the man laid out on the bridge) was in a different category, said counsel, although it was obvious that he did not commit with his own hand, any act with which he was charged. He did not shoot with firearms or drive anyone to use them as a shield. There was no evidence either of intent to commit the acts mentioned in the indictment.

There was no evidence as to the others having actually committed the acts mentioned in the indictment, stated counsel, neither was there evidence of their intention to commit them. The acts with which these men were charged were not acts committed in the prosecution of simple piracy at all. The only evidence was that they had been identified as having taken part in the ransacking of the ship pointing of revolvers, etc., and none had been identified as having actually used violence with intent to endanger life which was what they were actually charged with.

In conclusion, counsel stressed the need for "common design" to be proved if the Crown was to succeed.

Mr. Nihill (for the Crown) addressed His Lordship on the doctrine of common purpose, araved in aid by defending counsel. All members of the pirate band might not have been present on the bridge when the two shots had been fired at the Chief Officer, he said. But they were surely "present" in law. The unlawful enterprise in which they were engaged was proceeding at the time. If not actually present they were constructively present.

"Ought to Have Known." Counsel quoted law journals "where several persons are engaged in the pursuit of an unlawful object and one of them does an act the others ought to have known would not be improbable in the course of pursuing such unlawful acts, all of them are guilty."

These men had gone on board the "Sunling" to commit an unlawful act, continued counsel. They carried lethal weapons, loaded. One of them did an act the others ought to have known was not improbable in the course of pursuing their purpose. Was it not reasonable to suppose that the members of the band knew or ought to have known that it was not improbable that during the course of the piracy one of those loaded lethal weapons would be discharged? No jury in the world would find that such a party of pirates would be surprised at one of the members of the gang firing a shot.

His Lordship expressed the uncertainty in his mind (in the case of No. 20) as to whether a man who was unconscious could still be held to be participating in an unlawful act.

Mr. Nihill suggested that the whole thing was that No. 20, with the others, formed his unlawful intent before he was knocked out by the officers. It could surely not be suggested that if he had come to before the piracy was complete that he would have dissociated himself with it.

His Lordship still expressed doubt as to whether an unconscious man could be held to participate in a common purpose.

Mr. Nihill said that to his mind the question of the man having participated in the first place left no room for doubt. If, for instance, he had been asleep at the time the unlawful acts referred to in the charge were committed could it still be held that he was not liable?

"It is almost a medical question," said Mr. Nihill, "but I should imagine that if a man is rendered unconscious with a certain thing in his mind it sinks into the sub-conscious and is re-awakened on return to consciousness. Unconsciousness only means that certain senses are paralysed for the time being. It does not imply that there has been a change in the man's mind."

The discussion continued until after 1 o'clock and His Lordship indicated that he would tell the jury that they need not come again this afternoon. The Crown would proceed with legal arguments and other counsel would be given the opportunity of replying. The jury would be recalled to-morrow morning.

Yesterday's Evidence. The statements made by various prisoners were read yesterday afternoon prior to the closing of the Crown case. In his statement, No. 20 prisoner stated "We admit committing the piracy. We did so to save face to the Englishmen. If we had not admitted it we should have lost face, and would not have been here. I did not take anything away, however."

In reply to questions by His Lordship and Mr. Sheldon, as to what exactly the prisoner had meant by "saving face," the interpreter replied that it meant they could have shot everyone on board if they had liked, but did not to save face.

His Lordship, it literally means "if we had not spared the English, we should not have been here, we showed mercy to them and so did not lose face."

The interpreter agreed that this was what was meant. No. 1 prisoner stated that he was a friend of the pirate leader who had asked him on board to count the money. He had seen the pirate leader shot by the Captain. When witness boarded the "Sunling" he did not know plans had been made to pirate the ship.

No. 2 prisoner made a statement to the effect that he was an officer in the Kwang-ming's army, and was on the way from Amoy to Hong Kong with a letter for him at the time the ship was plundered.

## "CHARMING CHAP."

## A POET'S VERDICT ON COOLIDGE.

## JOHN MASEFIELD'S CHAT.

Washington, Nov. 30.

An English poet and an American President met, and, according to the poet, the President is "a most charming chap." The meeting was between John Masefield, one of England's greatest contemporary poets and President Coolidge.

Mr. Masefield, who came to the United States recently for a series of readings from his works at a New York school, made a brief trip to Washington to revisit the national capital. While here he and Mrs. Masefield, who accompanied him, called on the President. On leaving the White House he was immediately besieged by a group of White House correspondents.

"Mr. Masefield, did you find the President the cold, silent man he is supposed to be?" one of them inquired.

"No, indeed, far from it," the poet said with a smile and a soft drawl. "He was just the opposite. He chatted most cordially. I would say he is a most charming chap."

"Well, can you say what you talked about?" was the further inquiry.

"Why, yes. We tried to recall in whose home we had met in Boston about nine years ago, but could not remember exactly where."

"Who recalled that you had met, you or the President?"

"It was the President. He remembered meeting me, but I could not exactly recall the incident."

Pressed for an expression as to which of his poems he liked best, Mr. Masefield was at a loss to say. Mr. Masefield, with considerable hesitation, observed that "Reynard the Fox" was his favourite.

"You see," he said, "I like the poem I am working at best at the time."—"C. S. Monitor."

## CHINA COAST.

## GAZETTE OF THE LATEST CHANGES.

Captain T. Johnstone, of the "Luchow," is on reserve. Captain J. E. Brude, from reserve, has gone master, "Luchow."

Captain H. Gifford, of the "Newchwang," has gone master, "Sheng-chang."

Mr. E. Michelmores, second officer, "Anking," has gone second officer, "Newchwang." Mr. F. R. Carter, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Anking."

Mr. B. A. W. Marrable, chief officer, "King Yuan," is on Home leave. Mr. W. Dickinson, chief officer, "Fatsan," has gone chief officer, "King Yuan." Mr. W. L. Shinn, from Home leave, has gone chief officer, "Fatsan."

Mr. W. R. Woodman, from reserve, has gone sup'y second engineer, "Sunling."

Mr. J. H. Bryson, from Home leave, has gone second engineer, "Anhui."

Mr. E. D. Steen, sup'y second engineer, "King Yuan," is on reserve. Mr. C. H. Bridges, acting second engineer, "Anhui," has gone third engineer, "Hupei."

Mr. R. C. H. Brass, third officer, "Chipsing," has gone third officer, "Hosang."

Mr. J. A. Johnson, third officer, "Hosang," has gone third officer, "Chipsing."

Mr. C. A. G. Roberts, from Home leave, has gone second officer, "Luenho."

Mr. P. B. Anderson, second officer, "Luenho," has resigned.

Mr. J. Turner, third engineer, "Luenho," has gone third engineer, "Fausang."

Mr. J. Findlater, third engineer, "Fausang," is on reserve.

Mr. J. Hales, second officer, "Kinsan," has gone second officer, "Taisan."

Mr. W. McCubbin, second officer, "Lungshan," has gone second officer, "Kinsan."

Mr. C. T. Everingham, third officer, "Haining," has gone second officer, "Huiyang."

—Shipping & Engineering.

London reports that several Capetown trades-unions requested the British government not to permit the "Miners' Secretary Cook to visit South Africa."

The Swedish Reichstag opened with a Throne Speech emphasising the progress of the peace idea in Europe since Locarno and Germany's entry into the League.

Bagdad reports unrest following a conflict on the army increase between the Premier, Al Askari and the Parliament. Al Askari threatens to dissolve the Parliament. Disturbances are feared.

ed. He saw the pirates set fire to the ship, but had nothing to do with anything that took place. When a boat was lowered he jumped into it. He did not know the other people in the boat.

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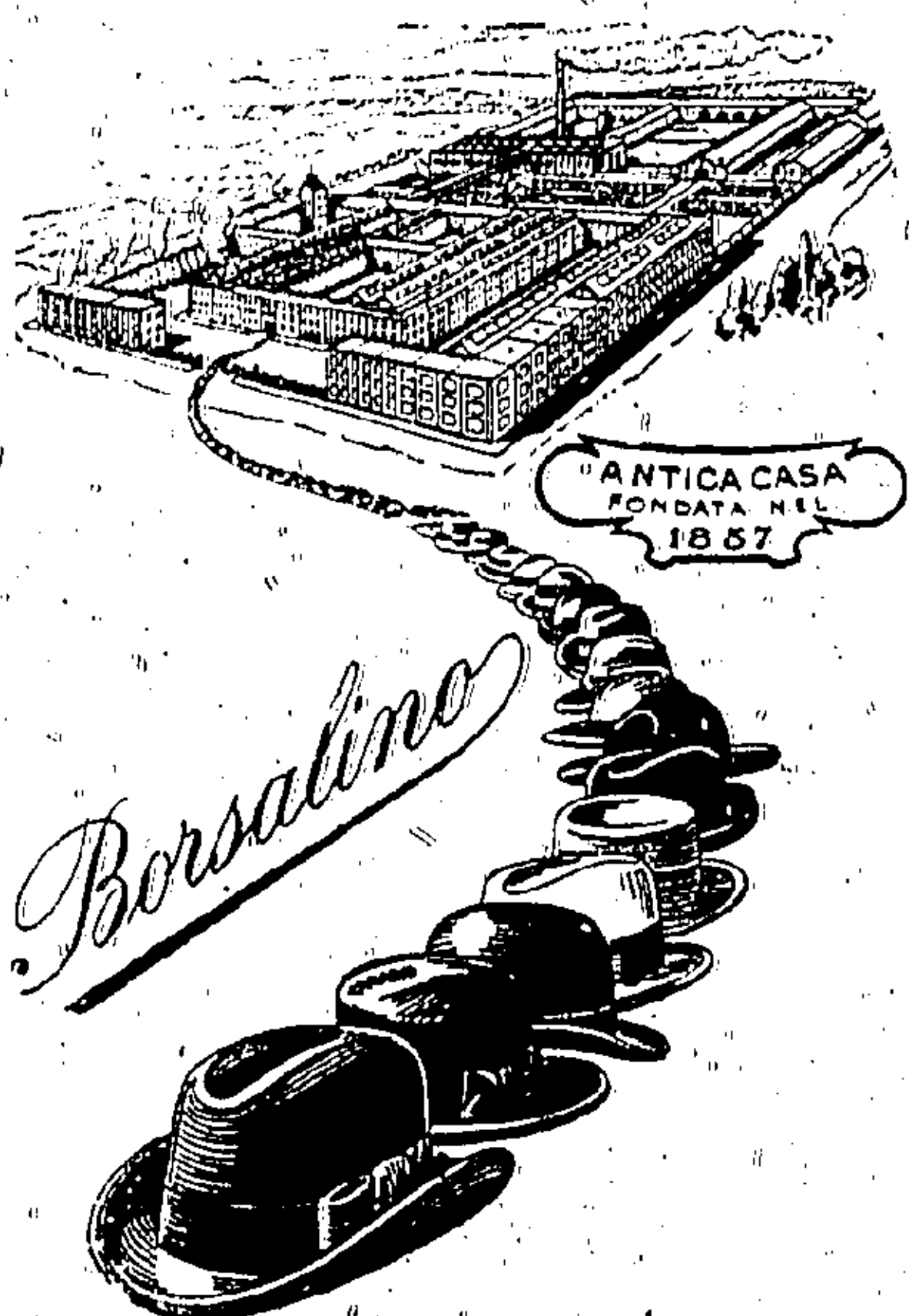
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## A NEW BOON.

### THE RELAYING OF FOREIGN PROGRAMMES.

The excellent reception of the relay from Hilversum through British Broadcasting Company stations when a programme of dance music was specially transmitted from the big Dutch station for the benefit of British listeners, raises several interesting points. The Dutch announcer said Britain is the greatest complement of speaking in English and between two of the items observed that it was a pleasure to be able to do something for British listeners in return for the many splendid programmes which listeners of Holland had heard from the British Broadcasting Company. Hilversum quite frequently relays Daventry, and for direct reception also, it is stated, Dutch listeners rely almost as much on Daventry as they do on their own stations.

I was informed at Savoy-hill that there are no immediate plans for future foreign relays, and there is no intention of making this a frequent feature of our programmes, says a Home paper writer. An official stated that the British Broadcasting Company preferred to maintain a high standard in their own programmes rather than to send out a great number of unsatisfactory or mediocre foreign relays. Many listeners will regret the "cut" in relays from overseas, as these re-transmissions certainly add novelty to the programmes, for the innumerable owners of small sets who cannot reach out on their own account. It is true that the modern tendency is in the direction of more selective sets, but even people who can regularly tour the other of the Continent would find interest in special English programmes from foreign sources. Geneva, moreover, has advocated the use of broadcasting to promote international good will, and there is no doubt that a regular interchange of programmes with foreign countries would have a good effect in this direction.

The reception from Hilversum was so good that one might have imagined that the music was coming from the Savoy, though towards the end of the half-hour's re-transmission more interference became very troublesome. This unwanted weather report in dots and dashes reminded me that the Washington Radio Conference next year will probably consider a proposition to enforce the substitution of spark transmitters on ships and shore stations by continuous wave apparatus, in order to eliminate as much as possible of the existing interference with broadcasting. One estimate of the total cost of effecting this change on the mercantile marine of the world is £20,000,000, and it seems extremely improbable that any such sweeping alteration will be made for some years to come.

## BROADCASTING.

### RAIDING RADIO PIRATES AT HOME.

The "war" against radio pirates, those people who listen in without a Post Office licence, which, as I indicated recently, is about to be launched by the Post Office, will probably coincide with the change over in the New Year to the new Government regime of broadcasting. A "Daily Telegraph" writer in mail week. Post Office officials who are organising this campaign are naturally reluctant to reveal details of the methods that will be employed. Up to the present there have been about 500 convictions of unlicensed listeners, and it is stated that each prosecution is followed by a large number of applications for licences. I asked a British Broadcasting Company official whether any idea had been formed as to the number of unlicensed listeners in the country, and he informed me that, while there was obviously no means of accurately estimating the number, he imagined it might be somewhere in the neighbourhood of half a million. The Post Office officials concerned in the new plans have plenty of information at their disposal to enable them to track down offenders.

## LATEST ENTERPRISE.

### A WIRELESS SERVICE TO PORTUGAL.

A direct high-speed wireless telegraph service between England and Portugal was opened in mail week and there was an exchange of complimentary messages between the Portuguese Ambassador in London and the President of Portugal, the Portuguese Ambassador and the Portuguese Foreign Minister, in Lisbon, the Portuguese Minister of Commerce and the President of the British of Trade, and also between the Association of British Chambers of Commerce, the London Chamber of Commerce and similar organisations in Portugal, Senatore Marconi and Mr. Kellaway, (chairman and managing director of Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company Ltd.), and Dr. Centeno (chairman of the Portuguese Marconi Company).

The new service is the first of a number of wireless telegraph services which are being established by the Portuguese Marconi Company under a forty years' concession granted by the Portuguese Government to Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company Ltd., to undertake the organisation of a complete wireless telegraph and telephone system to place Portugal in wireless communication with her colonies and the principal capitals of Europe, South America, and other countries.

Wireless stations are being built under this concession near Lisbon, in Cape Verde Islands, Madeira, the Azores, Mozambique, and Angola. One of the group of transmitting stations to be erected at Afragide, near Lisbon, and one of the corresponding receiving stations at Vendas Novas will work at high speed with the Marconi stations at Onger and Brentwood, near London, and with the principal capitals of Europe; another station will communicate with the Portuguese islands and with ships at sea; and Marconi short-wave beam stations are also being built for communication with Brazil and other parts of South America, and the Portuguese colonies at Mozambique and Angola, where, of course, similar beam stations are being constructed.

## PURE MUSIC BY WIRELESS.

We are all familiar with loud speaker reproduction of wireless music, but in how many cases can it be truthfully said that it sounds as if the actual singer or orchestra were in the same room?

With the introduction of the new Point One series of valves, made by Messrs. A. C. Cossor, Ltd., broadcast reception enters a new phase. Coaxial Mounting, a new method of construction evolved by Cossor and employed for the first time in these valves, at last permits a standard of reproduction comparable only to the flesh and blood artists themselves. It is difficult to believe one's ears. Every tone and subtle variation in the singer's voice is repeated with uncanny accuracy. The very individuality which has made her a great artist is minutely reproduced. Not only does the Cossor valve excel when reproducing the human voice, but it is equally at home with a full orchestra, reproducing the light and shade with a remarkable faithfulness. Music lovers have been quick to realise the advantages of this new valve, and although it is only a few months since it was introduced to the public, it has already achieved a most remarkable popularity.

Among those who signed a complaint about "oscillation" was Arthur Frank Harrison, a wireless apparatus dealer, of Cavendish-drive, Leytonstone. As a result his house was visited, and it was found that he was using a wireless set without a licence. "A bit of cheek, having a set working illegally and complaining of people interfering with it. Pay £2," said the chairman of the Stratford Bench.

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## RADIO CHARTER.

### A STORM OF CRITICISM RAISED.

A storm of criticism is raging round the terms embodied in the Royal Charter for the British Broadcasting Corporation.

There were 2,000,000 odd licensed listeners in England at the end of October. Under the old scheme, of £1,000,000, the B.B.C. was allowed only £500,000.

Under the new Charter, on the first million licences, yielding £500,000, the Postmaster-General will retain £62,500 for administrative expenses, and £48,750 for revenue, handing over to the B.B.C. £393,750.

On the second million licences the Postmaster-General will still take £62,500, and in addition £87,500 for revenue, leaving £369,000 for the Broadcasting Corporation.

Thus, in place of £500,000, under the new scheme £743,750 will be available for broadcasting purposes. The Government will receive £256,250, or, after the deduction of £125,000 for expenses a clear profit of £131,250.

## Representative Opinions.

A number of representative people have expressed their opinions. The following is a selection:

Sir Arthur Stanley: The Post Office ought not to take the surplus, but should either hand it back to the B.B.C. for development work or else reduce the cost of the licences. To raid the fund is the same as raiding the Road Fund—taking money for a purpose not originally intended. After all, the listener is the first person who should be considered.

Mr. Hore-Belisha, M.P.: There is nobody on the new board who understands the entertainment industry. It is a great pity, for broadcasting obviously must be run by people who understand the art of entertaining and not only the art of business.

Professor A. M. Low: The sparseness of money for the new B.B.C. is not going to help, radio. A new science like this requires ample funds for expansion, development, and research.

The money paid by the listeners should be used for the listeners' benefit. It is much easier to tune into the bigger Continental broadcasting stations than the British stations. In the case of a national emergency we might have the Continental stations shouting us down, so that, instead of listening to Mr. Baldwin, we should be compelled to listen to Stalin or Trotsky.

An Official of the Radio Society: There are too many mere business people engaged in the B.B.C. and too little attention is being paid to the real entertainment of the listeners. The arts ought to be fully represented so that all interests will be catered for.

There ought to be someone, too, to represent the radio manufacturers, so that there could be a full measure of co-ordination and co-operation between the broadcasting and reception.

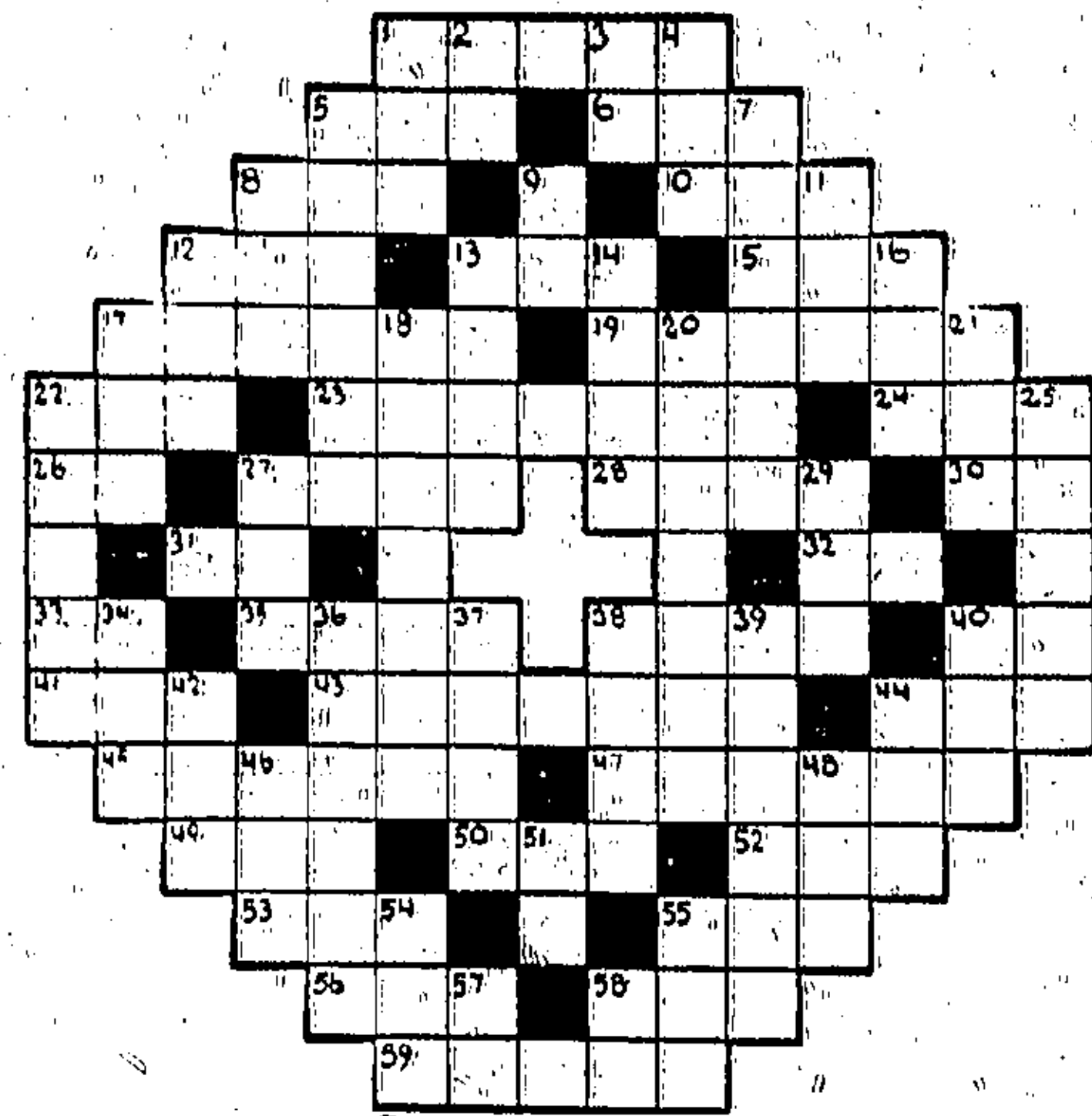
Sir Oswald Stoll: The Broadcast Charter is a restriction upon broadcasting, not a natural development of it. It looks very like a political move to undermine the freedom of the press by unfair competition with the newspapers.

## WHERE BRITAIN EXCELS.

An American journal confesses that the B.B.C. has brought simultaneous broadcast to a fine art and that no country can hope to catch up to, much less to compete with, Britain in this respect. The necessarily crude arrangement originally adopted has been considerably perfected, and, by a system of relays, all the processes can now be supervised by one person. Listeners may have noted the speed with which every station is now linked up with one centre after, perhaps, having taken a programme from some other station hundreds of miles away. It is seldom that any hitch occurs, which speaks volumes for the skill and foresight of the B.B.C. engineers and their Post Office "conspirators."

## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and ultho.)



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| <b>HORIZONTAL</b>                        | <b>HORIZONTAL (Cont.)</b>           | <b>VERTICAL (Cont.)</b>      |
| 1-Sky-vapor                              | 44-Deep bark, as of dogs            | 14-Reared                    |
| 5-Low murmur                             | 45-The esophagus                    | 16-Bill                      |
| 6-Title of address                       | 47-The drink of the gods            | 17-A woodland sprite         |
| 8-Winnow, as grain                       | 48-A minute mark                    | 18-Openwork of crossed bars  |
| 10-Seat in church                        | 50-Finish                           | 20-Learned                   |
| 12-Existed                               | 52-Box for packing                  | 21-Sixteen and one-half feet |
| 13-Projection at the side of a fireplace | 53-Wooden pin                       | 22-Tail                      |
| 17-Remit                                 | 55-Police man (slang)               | 23-Fret                      |
| 19-In some degree                        | 56-A small carpet                   | 27-Convulsion                |
| 19-A child's school book                 | 58-Member of ancient Tartar race    | 28-Affirmative               |
| 22-Easy-going                            | 59-Back tooth                       | 30-Race for holding a horse  |
| 23-Device for making an ascent (pl.)     |                                     | 37-Brief letter              |
| 24-Head                                  | <b>VERTICAL</b>                     | 38-Discover                  |
| 26-Article                               | 1-Paruse                            | 39-Calculate                 |
| 27-Celebration                           | 2-Observe                           | 40-Used in rowing            |
| 28-Obligation                            | 3-Prouton                           | 42-Unopened flower           |
| 30-Act                                   | 4-To immerse                        | 44-Flying mammal             |
| 31-Prefix meaning "two"                  | 5-A strong fortress                 | 46-To cut off                |
| 32-Prefix meaning "out"                  | 7-Meat                              | 48-To tilt                   |
| 33-Concerning                            | 8-Distant                           | 51-Negative                  |
| 35-Blender                               | 9-Provided that                     | 54-A chewing preparation     |
| 36-Evergreen tree (pl.)                  | 11-Small compact mass               | 55-Mongrel                   |
| 38-Enjunction                            | 12-To become larger gradually       | 57-Process                   |
| 41-Despoil                               | 13-Famous R. L. Stevenson character | 58-Exclamation               |
| 43-A medicinal plant                     |                                     |                              |

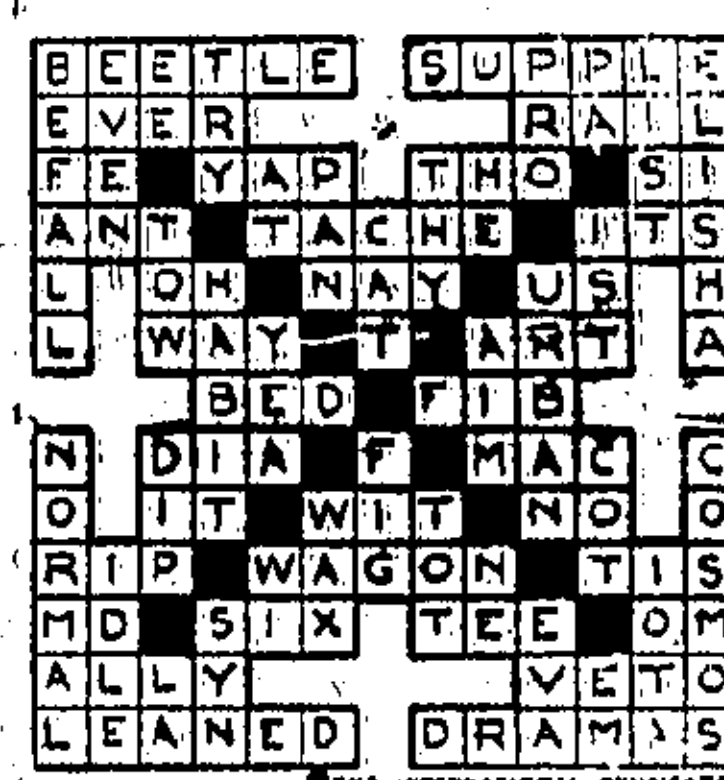
(The solution of this cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

## NEW WIRELESS STATION.

Strasbourg is to have a powerful broadcasting station as the result of the action of a group of Alsatian patriots interested in replying to the Germans who have just strengthened their propaganda station at Freiburg-im-Breisgau.

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## THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

At Sacristan, co. Durham, a mechanic was injured by the wreck of an aeroplane on a pithead.

Mr. H. T. Evans, aged 46, a school teacher, of Newport, Monmouthshire, dropped dead in Belt Street school, Newport, during the singing of a hymn.

Mr. Charles Wright, aged more than 70, of Willingham House, Market Basen, a Lincolnshire and Yorkshire landowner, was found shot dead at his residence.

Speaking of the Y.M.C.A. plans in connection with emigration, Sir Henry McMahon stated that Osborne Naval College, Isle of Wight, had been acquired for training work.

Mr. Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, has appointed Mr. Robert Boothby, one of the four Conservative M.P.s who visited Russia early in the year, his Parliamentary private secretary.

While motoring to the Ballycullane fair, Mr. H. R. Corbett, manager of the New Ross (Co. Wexford) branch of the Munster and Leinster Bank, was held up by masked and armed bandits, and robbed of £1,000.

In his presidential address, at the York Diocesan Conference the Archbishop of York said that, although the Church had been slipping its hold upon Christianity, there were signs of a turning of the tide. He believed the post-war depression of religion was passing, and that a time of awakening was coming.

Outstanding ceremonies of a Toc H birthday festival at Manchester, in which the Prince of Wales took part, were a thanksgiving service in the cathedral and the lighting of a "Lamp of Maintenance" at Toc H Mark IV. A congregation of 2,500 persons from all parts of the world attended the service in the cathedral, and there were nearly 5,000 at a subsequent gathering in the Free Trade Hall, where the Prince made an informal speech.

L. L. Hermitte's picture, of "The Gleaners" was sold at Messrs. Christie's for £1,522 10s.

The full London Company of the D'Oyly Carte Opera sailed from Liverpool on Christmas Eve for a five months' tour of Canada.

France's wine crop is expected this year to be 30 per cent. below the normal, according to the figures supplied to the Government by the wine growers.

Dr. R. M. Bronte, pathologist, while on his way to an inquest was a passenger in an omnibus which collided with a motor-lorry in Hackney, E., and he rendered first aid to injured passengers.

Owing to the loss of his default sheet, Mr. William Underwood, of Salisbury Road, Enfield Lock, Middlesex, and late of the Royal Garrison Artillery, has had to wait 24 years for his Army long service and good conduct medal.



### A CHILD'S APPETITE

For sweets, ice-cream, and the other 'good things' of the table rarely know reasonable limits. It is not always possible to exercise supervision, to restrain the child from too many helpings. A disordered digestive system is the inevitable result of this over-indulgence, with general lassitude, feverishness, stomach and bowel trouble and pain among the symptoms.

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Dr. Eyre Chatterton, formerly Bishop of Nagpur, has been appointed Assistant Bishop for the Diocese of Canterbury.

Lord Astor is giving £10,000 to build a hostel to accommodate 40 students under the South-West of England University scheme.

At a meeting of the York Minister Windows Preservation Fund it was stated that since the work of renovating the glass was begun 20 years ago not a single piece of glass has been dropped or broken.

The cost of maintaining members of other police forces during the coal stoppage was nearly £18,000 and 118 police were injured, it was reported at a meeting of the Glamorgan Standing Joint Committee.

A resolution, declaring that there was no necessity for the removal of the Covent Garden market was carried unanimously at a meeting of over 200 merchants, growers, retailers, and traders engaged or interested in the market. If the existing site and the market approaches were improved and developed the market, the meeting believed, could meet all the requirements of the trade, both present and future.

Colonel John Kynaston successfully appealed to the Court of Criminal Appeal against a conviction at the Central Criminal Court upon a charge of having aided and abetted in an attempt to obtain possession of medicinal opium. By a provision of the Dangerous Drugs Act, under which the appellant was indicted, that statute will come into operation upon such date as his Majesty may by Order in Council so direct, and, as no Order in Council has been made, the Act, the Court held, has not come into force.

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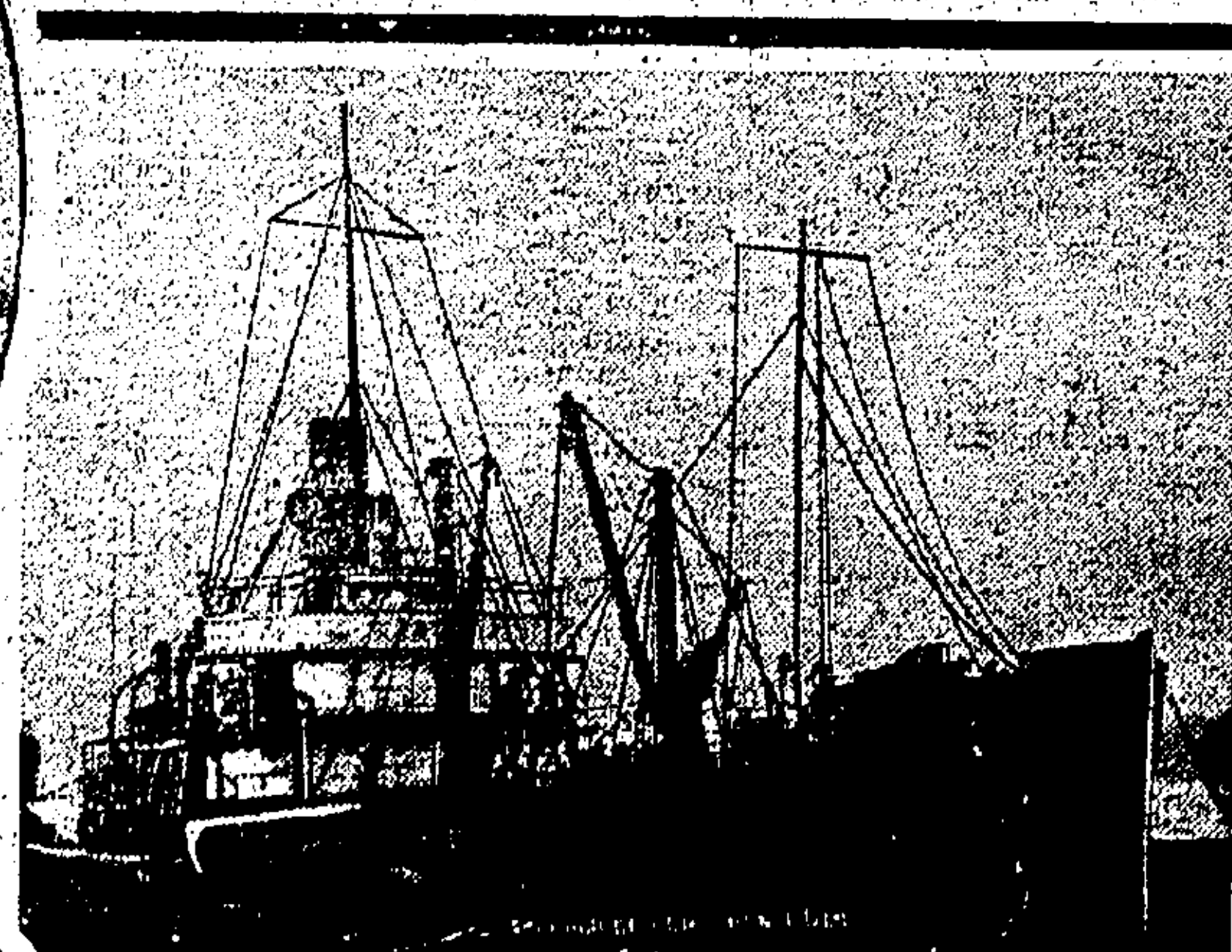
Fashions seen on Le Crételle, Cannes—Sport costume skirt in English tweed, jumpers jacket in fuzzy cordings.



His Majesty King George V placing a wreath at the feet of Sir Cospatrick in London on Armistice Day.



Trophies of the north woods are blowing through the yards of the Canadian Pacific Express Company at Montreal, Toronto, and other centres in large numbers.



The S. S. Mackinac, formerly the Empress of Port Maitland, which was purchased recently by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. After sailing from Montreal for the port of Vancouver via the Panama Canal, the Mackinac will be placed in the Company's service between Skagway, Alaska, and Vancouver.



Sir Austin Chamberlain British Foreign Secretary, who recently received the congratulations of his society in West Birmingham on the occasion of the completion of fifty continuous years of political association of his family with Birmingham.



A new arrival at the London Zoo. This new-born lion, Zou, 7 lbs. heavy, was born on the 19th inst. and is the first of the year.



The ship of the French Canadian Pacific Express Company, which was launched from the Canadian Pacific Express Company at Montreal, prior to being shipped to Toronto to take part in the Olympic competition at the 1928 Ontario Winter Fair.

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"PATROCLUS" 9th Mar. Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Glasgow.

### LIVERPOOL SERVICE.

"DEUCALION" 20th Feb. Genoa, Havre, Liverpool and Glasgow.  
"MEDON" 20th Mar. Genoa, Havre and Liverpool.  
"PHILOCTETES" 13th Mar. Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow.

### PACIFIC SERVICE.

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"TYNDAROS" 25th Jan. Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle.  
"PROTEUS" 25th Feb. Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle.

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### INWARD MAILS.

From	TUESDAY, JANUARY 25.	Per.
Straits	25.	Kitano Maru.
Japan	25.	Arafura.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan, Shanghai and Europe	26.	Talma.
via Siberia	28.	Pres. Jackson.
Japan	28.	Fushimi Maru.
Manila	29.	President Pierce.
Europe via Negapatam letters only	29.	Hakata Maru.
30th Dec, 1926.	30.	
Europe via Negapatam (papers only)	30.	Seang Bee.
30th Dec, 1926.	1.	Dartagnan.
Japan & Shanghai	1.	

### OUTWARD MAILS.

To	TUESDAY, JANUARY 25.	Per.
Saigon	25.	Prosper
Manila	25.	Cyclops
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America, & EUROPE via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria B.C. 18th Feb. & EUROPE via Siberia (Letters & Postcards, specially superscribed "via Siberia" only). Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.	25.	Empress of Canada
Amoy	26.	Shantung
Hohow & Haiphong	26.	Tean
Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia (letters and postcards, specially superscribed "via Siberia" only)	27.	Kitano Maru
Shanghai & Wei Hai Wei	27.	Newchwang
Swatow Amoy & Tattao	27.	Kotau Maru
Bangkok	27.	Chakasang
Swatow	27.	Szechuen
Java via Sourabaya	27.	Tilsonduri
Manila	27.	President Jackson
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	27.	Haining
Manila, Sandakan, Australia & New Zealand Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 12th Feb. Parcels noon. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.	28.	Arafura
Shanghai	29.	Chonan
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt, & EUROPE via MARSEILLES—due Marseilles 27th Feb. Registration 2.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.	29.	Fushimi Maru
Calcutta, Parcel 9 a.m. Letter 10 a.m.	29.	Kumang.

\*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

## TRADE BOOM.

### REVIVAL OF THE COTTON INDUSTRY.

#### EXPORTS TO THE EAST.

Rugby, Jan. 24.

Trade papers report distinct signs of revival in the Lancashire cotton spinning and manufacturing industry.

Reports from large manufacturing centres, such as Blackburn and Preston, show that idle looms are being restarted.

Shippers and merchants engaged in the export trade to the East, to the Continent and to the British Dominions are dealing with an extensive demand.

It is stated that some merchants during the past fortnight have bought thousands of pounds worth more of piece goods than in any similar period during the past six years.—British Wireless Service.

## NEW MOTOR WAR.

### AMERICA AND BRITISH MARKET.

London, Jan. 4.

The "Westminster Gazette" in a special article maintains that the American automobile companies are silently reorganising for the consolidation of their hold on the British market.

It will soon be possible to buy in Great Britain and the Empire half-a-dozen types of American light cars at prices which, undoubtedly will make a powerful appeal to the public. This will be done in several ways: (1) By a merger of the firms of American car manufacturers which, if it materialises, will outlive in size the great General Motors Corporation; (2) by the adoption of one profit on the unit built car principle; (3) by the simplification of design.

Mr. Dillon, the leader of the New York bankers who financed the Dodge Company, is endeavouring to combine the following locomobile companies:—The Flint, Star, Dodge, Graham Brothers, Studebaker, Stutz, Peerless, Continental Motors, Hayeshunt, Sody, Adam-Saxle, and the Spicer Company.

### Wolsley Motors.

London, Jan. 8.

The American syndicate's offer for Wolsley Motors was at first outbid by Mr. Morris, who exceeded it by \$500,000.

To-day, the Americans made a further offer, which, it is understood, considerably exceeds any previous bid.

It will not be disclosed till the Bankruptcy Court meeting on January 12.

Mr. Morris is said to be undaunted and is determined to keep Wolsley's British.

## BIG WINDFALLS.

### \$104,000 GIFT FOR HOME HOSPITAL.

London, Jan. 8.

A number of generous gifts to hospitals and public institutions have been announced.

The motor manufacturer, Mr. Morris, has donated \$104,000 to St. Thomas's Hospital.

Sir Gilbert Wills has donated \$50,000 to Guy's Hospital.

Lord Buckland has gifted \$5,000 annually for seven years towards the building fund of the National Museum of Wales, which is being erected at Cardiff.

The late Mr. David Gibson has left \$25,000 for research buildings at Dundee University.

## MANILA CINEMA.

### "THE FINEST IN THE EAST" CLAIM.

Manila, Jan. 14.

An outdoor cinema with a seating capacity of 5,000 opened here in January. It is the largest and possibly the finest in the Far East. There are first, second, and third class seats, prices being accordingly. The screen is 20 by 25 feet and constructed in such a way that there is no glare on the pictures from any angles viewed.

Late in the year when the days are longer the screen will be hooded to ward off the glare of late sunsets, so brilliant here.

## TRADE FACTS.

### HOME INDUSTRY CENSUS COMPLETED.

Rugby, Jan. 24.

Britain's industrial census begun in February of 1925 is practically completed and the Board of Trade expects to be able to publish the first results in a few days. It will enable the public to see what percentage of "net output value" goes to labour and how much to the employer.

"Net output value is an economic term invented by the Board of Trade, and is the gross or selling value at the factory door of the manufacturer's production, less the cost of materials. In other words it is the value added by capital and labour."

The inquiry will show the relative importance of home and foreign markets and whether an industry is advancing or going back.—British Wireless Service.

## MEXICO'S OIL LAWS.

### COMPANIES GAIN TEMPORARY PROTECTION.

Mexico City, Jan. 24.

The various district courts which have rendered decisions in the so-called "amparo" suits filed by the oil companies have refused to grant permanently restraining orders against the operation of the oil laws but have granted temporary orders protecting specific pieces of property about a hundred, amparos, or temporary protection certificates filed against certain provisions of the law.

Pending appeals to higher courts, the companies remain in possession of their properties, although they are reported to be restricting operations.—Reuter's American Service.

## KEEPING ALOOF.

### RUSSIA REJECTS LEAGUE INVITATION.

Geneva, Jan. 24.

Replying to the League invitation to participate in the forthcoming International Economic Conference, M. Litvinoff reiterates Russia's refusal to attend the conference or to nominate representatives to any international conference on Swiss soil.—Reuter.

## ORDERED TO BE READY.

### 5TH ARMOURD CAR COMPANY.

London, Jan. 24.

The 5th Armoured Car Company, stationed at Scarborough has been ordered to be ready to go to China if wanted.—Reuter.

## KRUPPS' MAN'S SUICIDE.

London, Jan. 3.

Herr von Larr, a trusted servant of Krupps, arrested at Essen on the charge of spying for France, committed suicide in his prison cell.

## BACK TO GOLD?

### FRANCE'S HEAVY BULLION SHIPMENTS.

#### OPINION IN AMERICA.

New York, Jan. 24.

A shipment of \$4,200,000 worth of gold bullion from France arrived on Jan. 22, following closely on the arrival of a \$4,000,000 consignment earlier in the week, which was the first since the war.

Some quarters hold the opinion that this is the initial step in an attempt by France to return to the gold standard without a Franco-American debt settlement and without revalorisation of the franc.—Reuter's American Service.

## EXPLOSIVE INVENTOR.

Paris, Jan. 24.

The death is announced of M. Eugene Turpin, the inventor of melinite.—Reuter.

[Melinite or Lyddite is a bright yellow crystalline solid, consisting of picric acid of trimetaphenol. Melinite is a high explosive used as a bursting charge for shells.]

## HELPING FLOOD VICTIMS.

Washington, Jan. 13.

Relief to sufferers from the recent floods in the Mississippi Valley and Alabama is sought in a Bill introduced into Congress. The measure proposes an appropriation of one hundred thousand dollars.

## A NARROW ESCAPE.

Pasadena (California), Jan. 13.

Several persons narrowly escaped injury yesterday when a Santa Fe train carrying Mrs. Aimee Semple McPherson, the evangelist, on her tour of the Middle West, backed into a crowd that gathered about the observation platform to bid God-speed to the pastor of Angelus Temple.

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